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HUGE FIRES IN JERUSALEM

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Anglo-Ceylon Agreement

London, May 20. The Treasury has announced details of a pending Anglo-Ceylon financial agreement under which Britain would release £3,500,000 of the colony's blocked sterling to cover its 1948 sterling deficit.

An additional £4,000,000 of the blocked sterling would be freed as a working loan to cover any temporary shortage in Ceylon's available means of payment abroad.

Details of the agreement were worked out between the Treasury and a Ceylon financial delegation in Britain last month.—Associated Press.

JEHOL FRONT IN DANGER

Shanghai, May 20. The entire Government position in south Jehol was in danger of collapse today in face of round-the-clock attacks from greatly reinforced Red columns, according to the latest pro-Government despatches.

The Jehol provincial capital of Chengteh is said to be completely isolated by land from the outside world, while the prominent defenders of the nearby strongholds of Fenchuan and Lungshan are reported to be gradually falling back under increased Communist pressure.

Nationalist aircraft were today busy dropping supplies to the garrisons of the three besieged cities. Synchronizing with the intensification of their eight-day-old south Jehol drive, the Communist in Hopei and south Chahar launched concerted attacks at strategic points along the 90-mile stretch of the Peiping-Jiajia railway between Peiping and Kuan.

The historic Hankow Pass, 30 miles northwest of Peiping, was one of the points subjected to blistering attacks from some 5,000 Red troops.

On the Hunan-Hubei border, two Government columns have begun an advance on the Communist, who recently captured Chongqing and Kwanghsia, semi-official despatches report.—Reuter.

HERTS CRASH

London, May 20. Three of the crew were killed and one seriously injured when a Dakota freighter aircraft crashed into a wood near Bovington airfield, Dorsetshire, early today.—Reuter.

Amazing Feat Of Super-Bomber

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Jews Abandon The Agency Building

Tel-Aviv, May 20. Hugo fires were reported to be raging through the old walled city of Jerusalem today as Arabs and Jews battled at close quarters for control of the Holy City.

British sources said artillery and mortar fire made a shambles of the ancient heart of Christendom, the site of some of the Western world's most cherished religious shrines.

A report from the Arab radio station in Palestine picked up in Cairo today said the Jews have abandoned the Jewish Agency building in Jerusalem.

Heavy censorship by both Jews and Arabs clouded events of the furious battle within Jerusalem, but it appeared the old city may have to be rebuilt for the nineteenth time in history no matter which side is the victor.

The professional soldiers of King Abdullah's Arab Legion launched an attack on the old walled city yesterday under cover of a crushing artillery barrage and by late last night appeared to have driven the Jews into a pocket in the south-west Armenian section.

Jewish sources admitted that one of the most fierce fights of Palestine war was raging amid the rabbit warrens of the Armenian section where both the Jewish army and the Arab Legion had been reinforced for a showdown battle.

Heavy Shelling

Despatches from correspondents with the attacking Arab army said Abdullah's troops on the Mount of Olives, east of the walled city, crashed through yesterday with armoured cars and linked up with other Legion forces, which captured Sheikh Jarrah quarter to the north.

Vietnam Cabinet

Salon, May 20. General Nguyen van Xuan was today elected Premier of the first Provisional Government for all Vietnam (Indochina).

The election took place at a meeting held of delegates from the north, central and south of Vietnam.

General Nguyen is also Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of South Vietnam (Cochin-China).

Hanoi, capital of Tonking, was chosen as the permanent seat of the Government and Hue, capital of Annam, as Vietnam's "mystic" capital. Part of the Government will be in Saigon.—Reuter.

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SERIOUS FLOODS IN KIANGSI

Nanking, May 20. The swollen Kan River broke through the dykes at nine places near Nanchang in Kiangsi province, inundating thousands of acres of farmlands, smashing bridges and washing away the banks in mountain channels.

Landslides caused by continued heavy rains which blocked highways and railroads added to block efforts of the provincial authorities to muster emergency crews to seek a halt to the spreading flood.

The situation in Nanchang was described by an official of the Central News as serious.

Anti-flood organizations are taking emergency measures to repair the broken dykes.

The Kan flood was augmented by the rising Yangtze which is pouring its surplus into Poyang Lake in Kiangsi, blocking one of the chief outlets for the Kan overflow.—United Press.

Mr. Bevin Criticises Russian Policy

Scorborough, May 20. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said today that the greatest danger of another world war lies in Russia's present drives.

He also told the 47th annual conference of the Labour Party that Britain was facing the necessity of asking the United States for another loan when Mr. George Marshall (U.S. Foreign Secretary) came to the rescue with the European Recovery Programme.

Mr. Bevin said he is emphatically against "any step to carry on an aggressive war against Soviet Russia or any other country."

"I cannot change Communism in Russia, and I am not going to try," Mr. Bevin told the delegates during the foreign affairs debate.

Western Union

Mr. Bevin said not even Konrad Zillineus (the left wing Labourite) condemned Marshall Aid.

"What would the conference have said today if the British Government declined to associate with the Marshall Plan? Japan would have been on this platform telling this conference it would have to cut rations and standards of living in this country," said the Foreign Minister.

Minister Resigns

Washington, May 19. M. Rustem Vambary, Hungarian Minister to the United States, resigned today in protest against the policies of his Government.

He announced that he would remain in exile in the United States.

In a press conference statement, Mr. Vambary said that when he assumed his post in Washington, he had hoped that Hungary would become a bridge between the East and West. Instead, it has become a dividing line.

Eaten Nothing For Nine Years

Shanghai, May 20. Scientists of West China are puzzled by a young Chongking girl, Yang Mei, who claimed she had not eaten for nine years and has lived through the past nine days on nothing except a few glasses of water.

MANILA AIRPORT SEIZURE

Manila, May 20. Finance Department sources said yesterday that a seizure of the Manila International Airport had been effected by the Philippine Constabulary.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Kneeling Figure



The work of a young Irish artist, F.E. McWilliam, this is one of the creations to be seen at the Open Air Sculpture Exhibition at Battersea Park, London, which opened on May 13 and will not close until mid-September.

CHIANG MAKES PLEDGE

Elimination Of Corruption

Nanking, May 20. Chiang Kai-shek was sworn in as China's first constitutional President this morning and in an inaugural address pledged the elimination of corruption and inefficiency from the Government as the most effective means of defeating Communism.

Chiang, who took the oath of office on the stage of the National Assembly Hall, also declared that China does not have excessive demands to make on Japan in the peace treaty.

He said China believes Japan should be allowed to rebuild her economy within limits set by the Allied powers so that her common people may be assured of a livelihood.

He added: "After having suffered from Japanese aggression for more than eight years, however, China cannot but ask other powers to recognise the fact that to a special position when the Japanese peace terms are decided."

Chiang said the struggle against the Reds was a "war between democracy and totalitarianism between the forces of unity and those of disunity; between patriots and traitors; between liberty-loving people and oppressors; between those who want to see China continue as an independent

Attempt On Editor

Bangkok, May 20. Suri Thongwanit, newspaper publisher and outspoken critic of the Siamese Government, was shot and critically wounded last night as he stepped into a jeep at the doorway of his home.

A gunman, who had been waiting outside, shot the editor through the back of the head. His condition today was critical.

His newspaper, the Voice of the Siamese, has strongly attacked the military influence in Siamese politics.—Associated Press.

MR. KLEIN ARRIVES IN U.K.

London, May 20. Mr. Igor Klein, a Russian-born former British liaison official in Berlin, said to have placed himself voluntarily in Soviet hands and handed back to the British authorities by the Russians yesterday, arrived in Britain by air under escort tonight.

No action will be taken against him, it was authoritatively stated here. The official view was that his removal from Berlin was "just an ordinary matter of deportation."

Mr. Klein disappeared from Berlin after his contract with the British Control Commission was ended. He had been missing for three weeks when Lieutenant-General Dratvin, the Soviet Deputy Military Governor in Berlin, wrote to Major-General Brownjohn, the British Military Governor, saying that Mr. Klein sought refuge with the Russians after General Brownjohn had ordered him back to Britain.

The Weather

A weakening anticyclone is centred over Japan with a ridge of moderately high pressure extending from it to W. China.

Pressure is also relatively high over the eastern part of the China Sea. It is low over R.V. China and over Siam.

Today's Forecast—Moderate S.W. winds. Cloudy with a few showers light and morning, some clearing, afternoon and evening.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 13.0 deg. F. Minimum: 75.7 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.3 mm. = 0.01 in. Total since 1-20-48: 11.6 mm. = 0.46 in. as against an average of 46.7 mm. = 1.84 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m. Baro. at m.s.l. 1013.2 1008.5 m.b. Temp. 59.5 59.5 59.5 Humidity 77 77 77 Dew Point 75.7 75.7 75.7 Wind Direction S.W. S.W. S.W. Wind Force 10 10 10 Tide—Time Ht. High 0108 6.5 Low 0110 2.5 L.S. 0140 2.5 L.H. 0140 2.5 (All the above times are H.K. (Standard Time).)

Draper Report Reaction

Tokyo, May 20. Commenting on the Draper Mission report, which was yesterday given wide publicity in the Japanese press, Japanese Government and Board of Trade officials stated the figures recommended in the report for Japan's exports—\$1,570 million—represents approximately 70 per cent of 1930 to 1934 exports, or about seven times the amount exported last year.

Although Japan has sufficient industrial capacity, the officials stated that realisation of this amount would depend upon projected imports of between \$400 million and \$500 million worth of raw materials.

Provided these imports—particularly iron ore and also materials for the fibre industry—Japan will be able to meet the industrial goods demanded by China, South Asiatic countries and India, they said.

STUDENT DEMONSTRATION

Nanking, May 20. Students of the National Central University today called a campus meet at the campus to condemn United States policy in "building up Japan."

Students of the missionary Nanking University also are planning a demonstration against United States policy in Japan.—United Press.

PLEBISCITE BAN

Berlin, May 20. A Communist-inspired national plebiscite on a unified Germany will be banned in the American sector of Berlin, American Military Government officials said today.—Associated Press.

LITTLE HOPE OF U.N. ACTION

Lake Success, May 20. United Nations diplomats today gave up all hope of any forceful United Nations action to halt the war in Palestine or to turn back the Arab invasion. The strongest action in prospect was a fresh appeal by the Security Council for a cease fire by both sides.

Responsible officials agreed that if the Arabs or Jews or both, defy it, the Security Council will now be badly split on the Palestine issue, that it will be unable to order any forceful measures for halting bloodshed.

A split between the United States and Great Britain is at the heart of the trouble. British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan, later supported by China and Belgium, refused flatly to back the United States plan for ordering an immediate cease-fire in Palestine and branding the war there as a breach of world peace.

A step which would open the door to economic sanctions or a threat of force if the cease-fire is defied.

American officials were privately angered by the British position which is based on Britain's refusal to recognise the new state of Israel and on a belief that the Security Council should not talk louder than it can act.

Announcement

International Chemicals Ltd. has been incorporated as a limited company as from January 9, 1948.

The Directors of the Company are:
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H. J. Armstrong
S. H. Phoon
Li Chung Po
G. H. Oliver
Basil Thompson, M.D., Managing Director.

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THE EXTRADITION CASE

Sixteenth Appearance In Court

On their 16th appearance before a Magistrate since March 27, two Hoi Fung natives were yesterday remanded by Mr. W. H. Lattimer to 2.15 p.m. on May 27 when committal proceedings will commence against them on the charges of armed robbery, possession of arms, kidnapping and murder in the New Territories.

Ngo Lai-sun alias Chan Fai (25) was alleged to have been in possession of two loaded revolvers at Un Long on Feb. 19, and to have robbed while armed, Chan Pui-lai of a quantity of cigarettes on board Chiss IV boat 40 in Deep Bay off Tai Po on Jan. 24.

Murder of Fung Ki at Lau Fau Shan village on March 11, kidnapping of Siu Tak-hong at the same place on the same date, possession of a loaded revolver and armed robbery of Ng Ho on board Chiss IV boat 102 in Deep Bay off Tai Po on Jan. 24, were the charges preferred against Chan Fai.

Personalia

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mrs. A.M.C. Nixon, James R. Mann, G.A. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Monroe and F. Wilson.

Peninsula departures:—Miss R. J. Larson, T. Crothwaite, N. H. Viesering, R. E. Victory and B. F. Johnston.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—William Anderson, merchant navy, to Marie Law, 13, Warren Street, Tai Hang.

Wilhelm Gertrudis Van Zeggen, merchant navy, s.s. "Tusman," to Joan Dorothy Smart, en route to Hong Kong per s.s. "Changle."

Bank Official's Allegations

Certain irregularities in a contract for an advance against documentary bills between the Postal Remittances and Savings Bank and Powell & Sons, Ltd., were alleged by Ho Ka-yu, sub-manager of the Bank (Shanghai Branch) when he testified against the former director-general, Hsu Chi-chung, alias Chu Kai-chong, at the resumption of extradition proceedings against the fugitive at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Under cross-examination by defence counsel, the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, KC. (instructed by Mr. M. da Silva), prosecution witness declared that the contract, referred to as Exhibit O, was unusual and was the "first of its kind in the history of the Postal Bank." He then pointed out the irregularities to counsel.

The 44-year-old fugitive is facing extradition proceedings on an alleged charge of defrauding the Chinese Government of CN\$2,650,000.

Mr. A. Longdale, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, while Mr. Peter H. Sia represents the Chinese Government. Chief Insp. W. W. Williamson appears for the police.

In the witness box yesterday, Ho explained the procedure whereby the Postal Bank transacted with applicants for foreign exchange.

A merchant dealing in imported goods requiring foreign exchange would apply for it through the Postal Bank. He would make an application for a Letter of Credit, which after being issued would be sent to the seller in the foreign country concerned. The seller would then produce the Letter of Credit and bills of lading to the Bank's branch or agent in that area, where payment would be made on the Letter of Credit. The bills of lading would be sent to the Postal Bank this

end, on receipt of which the merchant would be asked to settle the account. When the full amount had been paid the bills of lading and the marginal deposit would be handed over to him. The transaction would then be considered closed.

Only Security

The bills of lading and the marginal deposits were the only necessary security, witness declared. It was not necessary to have guarantors. In fact, the bills of lading were the only form of security.

In this particular contract, Exhibit O, witness noted that no bills of lading were sent in, nor was any marginal deposit made. The Postal Bank paid out without this security. Clauses (1) and (3) in the contract were unusual, he asserted. The securities pledged were US\$50,000 and US\$200,000 Victory Bonds. The latter could not be regarded as a security as they would not mature until 1952 and were until then valueless. The actual amount pledged therefore was not as much as its face value. Moreover, application was made before the contract was made out.

In fact, the \$50,000 American currency was the only security pledged against Exhibit O. But that amount was concealed from the Central Bank although revealed to the Postal Bank when the latter applied for foreign exchange on behalf of Powell & Sons, Ltd. At that time, witness

Capital Spending Request

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce has formed a Five-Man Co-ordinating Committee to survey the amount of proposed capital expenditure by its members in the next three years, according to the current issue of the "Far Eastern Economic Review."

Mr. J. B. Kite, Secretary of the Chamber, told the "Review" that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had recently instructed the Hong Kong Government to submit a detailed report on the possible requirements of capital equipment and materials for both government and private development schemes proposed for the next three years.

Government has asked for the necessary information from the Chamber and in addition, similar inquiries are being made in respect of non-members of the Chamber.

The Co-ordinating Committee is composed of N.O.C. Marsh (Chairman), J. Finnie, L. Kadoorie, C. E. Terry and J. B. Kite (Secretary). Several meetings have already been held.

stated, no foreign exchange transaction was permitted except by Government-appointed banks, as the Central Bank. Any foreign exchange needed would have to be applied from the Central Bank, according to the regulations, and not used as security.

Hearing was adjourned to 11.30 a.m. today.

Payment Of Pre-War Deposits

While the two Chinese Government banks in Hong Kong have begun discharging pre-war obligations at rates fixed by the Chinese Government in February last, the position of clients who contracted loans in Chinese currency has not yet been clarified, reports the "Far Eastern Economic Review."

The two banks, the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications, in a joint announcement, have explained that payment will be made on presentation by their clients of documents relating to deposits with a view to showing "sympathy to their clients." Payments will not be made in cash but in drafts payable in Shanghai or Canton.

For every CN\$1 clients had in the banks on Aug. 14, 1937, CN\$1,703.462 will be paid. The scale of payments gradually reduced to CN\$700.07 for each CN\$1 deposited in Dec. 1941.

JUDGE REDUCES SENTENCES

Sentence passed on Li Fong (28) and Ku Siu-leung (21) by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy on March 19 for operating an illegal radio-communication set at 224 Tai Po Road, 3rd floor, was reduced on appeal before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, Appeal Judge.

The original sentence of \$5,000 fine or one year imprisonment was reduced to \$3,000, or alternatively two consecutive terms of six months hard labour in default.

The appeal, which was made on May 4 by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. Alfred Hon, was on the ground that the Magistrate was wrong in law in that he did not treat the use and possession charges as alternative



"Hai Tan" To Be Converted To Floating Hotel?

Making the daily rounds on the seafloor yesterday, a "China Mail" representative found a huge "piece" of the waterfront was missing.

The 40-year-old "Hai Tan," which flew the White Ensign during the war, was towed earlier in the morning to the Kowloon Docks where she is to undergo an overhaul to qualify for a load-line certificate.

It was estimated yesterday that the overhaul would take a month and cost over half a million dollars. Confirmation was not available as Mr. S.T. Williamson, the owner, could not be contacted. The vessel is a coal-burner.

Floating Hotel?

One unconfirmed report yesterday said that a Chinese enterprise was negotiating for the purchase of the "Hai Tan" to turn her into a floating hotel providing the necessary official permission was forthcoming.

The purchase price reported varied from one and a half million to two and a half million dollars.

Built in 1909 by F. Schichau of Danzig, the "Hai Tan" has a gross tonnage of 3,275 tons (net tonnage, 2,225). Her original name, "Orel," was changed to "Silvia" when she was taken over by the Manila Merchants. She obtained her present name when the Douglas Steamship Company bought her several years before the outbreak of the Pacific War.

The ship's dimensions are: length 338.7 feet, width 45.3 feet, depth 20.6 feet.

The vessel returned to Hong Kong shortly after the Liberation and anchored off Stonecutter's for half a year before morning alongside the Douglas Wharf, where she remained until yesterday.

An informal talk will be given by Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Commissioner of Labour, to the Hong Kong Council of Women next Wednesday at the Chinese YWCA, Duddell Street, at 5.15 p.m.

Too Many Passengers

"It is a pity I cannot find you more," said Mr. D. G. Cairns, Marine Magistrate, when he imposed fines of \$200 on each of two coxswains, charged with carrying excess passengers.

The coxswain of motor junk M2027, intercepted at the same place by the same officer, had an excess of 19 passengers.

First defendant stated that the excess passengers were members of other motor junks of the same company that had ceased operations. He was taking them back to the country.

In the second case the coxswain said that the passengers rushed on board and he was powerless to eject them.

Chief Marine Licensing Officer Frank Brett informed his worship that every considerable amount had been given to these junks. In some cases additional crews were allowed them, and there was no reason for them to carry more than the number permitted.

An entertaining performance of Chinese native dances by children of the Workers' Children Schools, was presented last night in St. John's Cathedral Hall. The programme composed 18 dances and songs, including an ancient Chinese Military sword dance, the native dance of the Lo Lo Tribe in Yunnan, two dances from the Chinese drama "Lucky Fish" and native dances from North Kwangtung and North China.

Reminders

Today

Annual General Meeting of V.D.M.A., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Pre-arrangement of Laichikok Amusement Park, cocktails, 7 to 9 p.m.

British Legion (Hong Kong & China Branch), annual general meeting, SCM Post Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Annual meetings, British Traders Insurance Co., China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Yangtze Insurance Association, Union Insurance Society of Canton, at Union Building, 10.45, 10.55, 11.05, 11.30 and 11.45 a.m.

H.K. Light Orchestra, 27B, Robinson Road, 6.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Cricket Club fortnightly dance, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

SUNDAY

Classical Concert, at Tox H Club, "Albion" Hall, 8.30 p.m., Macdonnell Road.

MONDAY

Annual Meeting, Douglas Steamship Co. Ltd., 6th fl., P. & O. Bldg., 11 a.m.

Retreat by Band of the Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment), Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, 9 a.m.

Public Land Auction of four lots, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.

Story In Court Was Different

As complainant's story in the witness box differed on a material point from the one he gave to the Police, Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts at Kowloon yesterday applied to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr for permission to withdraw a charge of obtaining \$20 by false pretences against Ho Lok, 28-year-old master of the Ah Tong Electrical Shop, 181 Cheungshawan Road.

The complainant, Li Siu-chow, described as a master-barber, at first stated that he contracted with defendant for the re-wiring of his shop at 138 Nan Chang Street on May 14, 1947. When the question of deposit for the power meter arose, alleged Li, he told him that the amount was \$30 but that there was another type of meter, which would be much easier and quicker to obtain, for \$50.

Li went on to state that he paid \$50 to defendant and received the China Light and Power Co.'s receipt a fortnight later. The receipt was handed to his wife by defendant's wife, Ah Hing.

On March 9 last, he removed his business to 284, Laichikok Road, and sent his wife to the China Light to obtain the refund on his deposit. The clerk there pointed out a discrepancy between the words and figures representing the deposit paid. In the former it was given as "thirty", and in the latter, \$50.

When he went to see defendant, alleged witness, Ho claimed it to be the fact and refused to accompany him to the China Light to settle the matter. As Ho persisted in refusing, he reported the matter to the Police.

In reply to Mr. C. A. Sutherland Ruse, defending witness, that he made inquiries among his friends about the deposit and

deposit and was told that it was \$30. He gave \$50 to Ho when the latter told him that it would facilitate matters. He fully expected to obtain the return of \$50 from the China Light.

DSI Roberts here interposed with the remark that when complainant made the report to the Police he alleged that he did not know that the deposit was \$30, and that he learned about it after his wife had been to the China Light.

In view of the discrepancy in the evidence, said DSI Roberts, he had no option but to withdraw the charge.

The Magistrate advised complainant not to make use of the Criminal Courts to enforce a civil claim. Li was rebuffed for wanting the time of the C.I.D., the Court, and the solicitor for the defence.

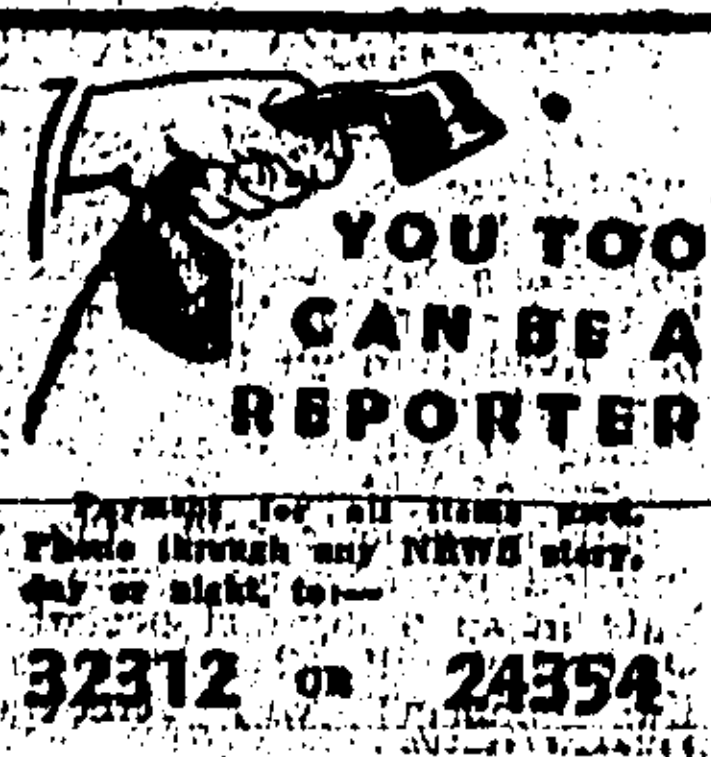
Ingenious Ruses Of Smugglers

Honey-jars with false stoppers, umbrella shaft, a broken bamboo easy-chair, hollowed out shoe heels, faded cigarette and powerful torch-light batteries were among a variety of exhibits displayed in the Tai Po Court yesterday.

The various items, explained leather suitcases and in between the soles of rubber sandals.

Convicted for the possession of 34 tael, Ho Lam-hon was fined \$2,500 or nine months' imprisonment. For possession of lesser amounts the other four accused were ordered to pay fines ranging from \$200 to \$500 or serve prison terms ranging from one month to two months.

In the same Court yesterday a Chinaman was remanded in Police custody for further inquiries. He was arrested on a bus at the Sheung Shui, barrier with 20 tael of opium in his possession, earlier in the morning. The opium was found in his shoes.



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HONG KONG CELEBRATES

Inauguration Of President

The Chinese community of Hong Kong turned out on mass yesterday to celebrate the inauguration of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as first President of China under the new constitution.

From early morning, large crowds thronged the streets and took up vantage points both in Hong Kong and Kowloon to witness the two processions, one on the Island and the other on the Mainland, which were the chief attractions of the day.

Cracker firing was audible throughout the colony and certain parts of the peninsula during the permitted hours of the morning.

All the leading Chinese firms and leading department stores as

well as Chinese schools were closed for the occasion. Vehicles limited to 25 on either side of the harbour were permitted to take part in the procession. In Hong Kong over 90 beautifully decorated vehicles turned up at Lung King Road and after allowing the allotted number to proceed, the remainder, which were detained for some little time, were finally escorted by police back to their respective starting places.

Firework Display

Taking advantage of the procession as a means of advertising, many of the vehicles displayed various advertisements. Flags used in the procession ranged from auction flags to various types of ship's call and signal flags.

Later in the evening an address was delivered over ZEK by Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

The last event of the day was the letting off of fireworks both at the McPherson and Southern play grounds. At both places the grounds were packed to capacity. Over 500 members of the South China Athletic Association held a dance at Caroline Hill last night to celebrate the inauguration.

FRENCH A.D.C. SHOW

A stage show "Knock" will be presented for one night by the French A.D.C. next Friday at the China Pict Club Theatre. The dress rehearsal will take place the day before at 7 p.m. Among the personalities who have been invited to the show is the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

Clearing Bathing Beaches

For five days out of seven the Urban Council beach staff are engaged in the work of removing stones from beaches. Naturally when the beaches are crowded on Saturdays and Sundays the main task of the beach staff is to see that the beaches are kept free of litter.

A very considerable improvement has already been made at Repulse Bay and a recent inspection revealed that with the exception of Middle and South Bay beaches all the popular island beaches are in good condition and reasonably free of stones.

The clearing of Middle and Bay beaches has been delayed by the necessity of first removing large quantities of barbed wire which was deeply embedded amongst the stones. The barbed wire has now been taken away and the stones are being cleared as rapidly as possible.

It will be appreciated that, however many stones may be cleared, bad weather or abnormal high tides may temporarily scour the beaches of their top dress of sand and shingle. When scouring occurs, it not infrequently takes a week or more before tidal action restores a beach to its normal condition.

Minor Arsenal At K.C.R. Station

Another minor arsenal, the second within a fortnight, was seized by the Chinese Maritime Customs at Kowloon-Canton Railway Station and handed over to the Tsimsatsui Police on Tuesday.

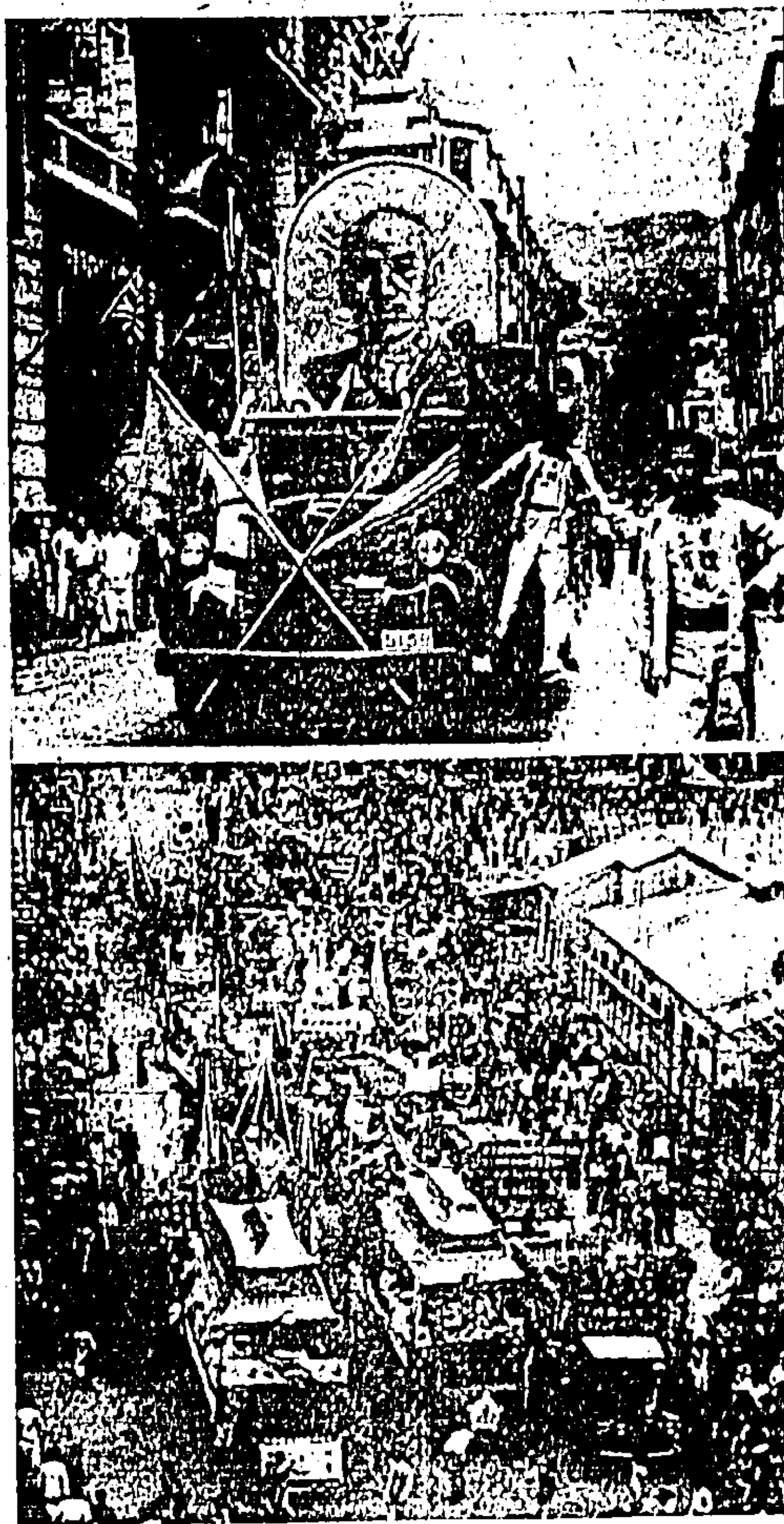
The owner, 20-year-old naturalised American Yip Wing-tui, was fined \$1,000 when he pleaded guilty, through Mr. J. C. Stewart, to possession of three U.S. 30 carbines, ten magazines, one .32 Colt, 788 rounds of .30 carbine ammunition, 77 rounds of .32 Colt ammunition, and 450 rounds of m/m Parabellum ammunition. Mr. W. H. Latimer ordered the arms and ammunition to be confiscated.

Det. Sub-Inspector W.B. Scragg said that about 9.30 a.m. on May 18 defendant went to the Chinese Customs barrier at the K.C.R. Station with two large wooden cases which, he declared, contained personal effects from America.

The Customs' officers found one of the boxes to contain a false bottom in which were found the arms and ammunition. Accused, said Det. Scragg, was a native of Tol Shan and went to the United States in 1937. During the war he served three years in the U.S. Army, and became a naturalised American citizen after the war. He came to Hong Kong from San Francisco on the "General Meigs" on May 14, and was en route to Tol Shan when the arms and ammunition were discovered.

In Oakland

Questioned by the Police, defendant at first said he picked the arms and ammunition up in



Above a lorry bearing a huge portrait of the Generalissimo passing down Queen's Road and below, gaily decorated lorries in Wanchai. ("China Mail" photos).

ALLEGATIONS BY ACCUSED MEN

Allegations that they were beaten by the Police into making the confession that they took part in the robberies were made by Lai Kam-pui (19) and Leung Fai (24) before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, Puisne Judge, yesterday.

Lai and Leung were committed by Mr. W. H. Latimer, Kowloon Magistrate, on April 29, to answer charges of committing, with others not in custody, two armed robberies, one at 184 Portland Street, ground floor, on February 10, and the other at 39B Battery Street, 2nd floor, on March 17. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Inspector J.M. Forrest.

Mr. Reynolds said that in the robbery on February 10, the Wong On Kee Shoe Shop and four inmates were victimised by nine robbers, three of whom were armed, and about \$2,000 in money, in addition to jewellery, watches, clothing, and other articles, was stolen. Four men, all armed with revolvers, took part in the second robbery, where about the same amount in money, together with jewellery and clothing, was stolen.

A Denial

Accused were apprehended on March 29, and three days later were formally charged. At the identification parade the second accused was identified by one of the victims, and a house lighter and articles from pawn tickets found in the possession of accused were identified by other victims.

First accused in box, denied he took part in either robbery. He said he came to the Colony from Canton on March 15 to look for a friend nicknamed "Nga Chai Ip" (Shorty Ip); and the lighter, clothing and pawn tickets found on him were given to him by Ip who had borrowed money from him.

At Yau-mat Police Station he was beaten by detectives until he agreed to confess to taking part in the robberies and to giving the Police some names of people, including that of second accused whom he did not know.

BY ALEX RAYMOND

SHANGHAI DOCK ANNUAL MEET

The Annual General Meeting of Shanghai Dockyards Limited was held on May 13, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., when Mr. F. A. Pollock, the Chairman, presided over a gathering representing 9,331 shares.

The following is a summary of the Chairman's remarks:—"Our last Annual General Meeting was held on the 10th December, 1947, in this room five months ago, when a full report was given to the shareholders on the affairs of your Dockyards since the War and the difficult conditions under which we have to operate were explained. I regret to have to report that conditions have not improved."

I referred also to the Revised Temporary Foreign Trade Regulations which came into force in November, 1946, and as anticipated, many difficulties have arisen which continue to hamper our activities considerably. The Regulations are designed for regular importers and are not adaptable in a practical way to concerns like ourselves, who have to import and keep in stock a great variety of specialised materials for the purpose of ship and engine building and repairs. We have managed to secure small quotas for some imported materials but these are in most cases totally inadequate for our requirements. Our existing stocks of materials are dwindling and everything possible is being done to replenish them. Negotiations have been carried on with the Import-Export Board who have been sympathetic and helpful.

Costs Up

Although the Chinese Government is now giving encouragement to local manufacture of many of our requirements, unfortunately there are still no satisfactory specifications or standards for quality or tests for the mechanical properties of such manufactured materials in this as in other countries. It has always been our practice to make sure that materials used in our shipbuilding and repairing are manufactured to approved specifications, subjected to tests, and certified by such well-known Classification Societies as Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Costs of imported materials have increased and are still further increased by Customs delays entailing unnecessary wharf charges; handling charges are also high. These taken together form an important factor governing the final cost of repairs to shipowners, and it is hoped that steps will be taken by the Chinese Government to remove the obstacles and thus not only strengthen the inducement for foreign shipowners to have repairs carried out in China, but also give assistance to the Chinese shipowner who is already overburdened with difficulties. Supplies from abroad are difficult to obtain because of shortages and it is important that we should be able to accept the limited offers that reach us quickly. Unfortunately the existing regulations and procedures in force today make this almost impossible.

During the year under review over 200 ships were dry docked and slipped for repairs in our Yangtzepoo and International Docks, and running and general repairs were undertaken on 322 ships afloat; of which the vessel docked and slipped were Chinese owned, whereas practically the whole of those dealt with afloat were foreign owned.

War Claims

We have registered our war damage claims, which amount to approximately £342,000, with the special department set up in Shanghai by the British Government for this purpose. Referring now to the Balance Sheet:

On the Assets side you will note there were additions to the Fixed Assets. They comprise a number of items, the most important of which is the conversion of the remainder of the top floor of our Yangtzepoo Office Building into flats for our foreign staff.

The value of our stocks on hand, stocks in transit, and work in progress, less reserves, is shown at \$338,000.35, a decrease of \$1,245,519.17 over the corresponding figure for the previous years. This is almost entirely due to the restrictions on imports, to which I have already referred. The amount at debit of Sundry Debtors account, less reserves, \$1,526,347.21, shows a decrease of \$1,449,050.14, as compared with the figures at 30th September, 1946.

Your Directors have decided to recommend a dividend of 10%.

SOVIET PLANE DROPS BOMBS

Berlin, May 10. A Russian plane dropped three bombs on the Brandenburg village of Beetz in the Russian Zone last Friday, killing four persons and critically injuring 12, the British-licensed newspaper Telegram reported.

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THE SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd MAY to 21st MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
GEOFFREY S. ARCHBUTT,
Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1948.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. GRAEME SISON HUGH-JONES has retired from Partnership in Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist as from the 15th May, 1948.

NOTICE is further given that the business of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist will be continued as heretofore by Messrs. DENIS HENRY BLAKE, JAMES TEMPLAR PRIOR and LEE HON CHEE.

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By Order of the Board of Directors
P. W. A. WOOD,
Secretary & Chief Accountant.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Boardroom of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Second Floor, Hong Kong, on Wednesday the 26th day of May, 1948 at 11.00 a.m.

By Order of the Board of Directors

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Secretaries.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registers of Transfer and Members of the Company will be closed on Tuesday, 25th May and Wednesday, 26th May, 1948, both days inclusive.

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Readers' Letters

This Hong Kong

Sir—A short time ago, I met an interesting person passing through Hong Kong. He disliked Hong Kong and I wondered why. Why should a man who seemed to be discerning, hate Hong Kong with everything in it, and look forward to the day when he would be out of it?

The answer is that the place did not ring true to him, the atmosphere seemed wrong, the values false. He may have been right or wrong. Others, however, have said the same thing and none of them have spoken maliciously.

That these and similar views have gone through those places where the fate of Hong Kong will (or may) ultimately be settled I have no doubt. It does not seem to me to be good policy to remain unduly complacent. Ultimate disaster may lie that way.

If it is said of us—even with a degree of justice—that we, the representatives of the British people, entrusted with a great mission, have largely failed would it not be wise to face up to the position?

If it is said of us, fairly or unfairly, that we are ponderous, unimaginative, uninspired, self-satisfied without cause or justification and slight by furthering our own ends, we must ask for more detailed particulars, explain ourselves where we can and plead guilty where we must, rather than hug to ourselves illusions that are ridiculous.

No sight is more pitiable than that of great opportunities being dissipated, wasted or ignored. Can it be doubted that Hong Kong at this moment has opportunities that are remarkable opportunities which out of sheer dullness are being lost?

Will not the temporary eclipse of Shanghai force her into the position of being the representative of England in the China Seas?

Is it a small thing to stand for England who in the matter of the life of nations, in the poetry of spiritual influence, has touched heights never perhaps attained by Athens or by Rome?

Does Hong Kong in fact represent the spirit of Britain?

Does she even wish to do so? Perhaps she prefers herself unlimited and alone, selfish, self-centred, complacent, unimaginative, superficial, without the merit of being interesting.

What a choice!

If that really is the choice how long does she expect to survive? Who outside Hong Kong would care whether she survived or not?

I should care very much because—being a fellow sinner—I like Hong Kong and Hong Kong people and because the sight of people who have brought disaster upon themselves by their own folly is at all times a depressing spectacle.

Hong Kong has a Parliament of its own. Does it at any time speak with the voice of England or the true voice of Hong Kong or with any voice that is noble and inspiring?

Does it at any time make an effort to be anything but dull, uninspired, ponderous?

Is it in fact much more than an instrument to be played upon—with skill—by a comparatively small number of interested financial groups?

Is it really thought that the creation of a kind of Parish Council (with no logical excuse for it) can supply the needs which I have indicated?

Is it not a fact that all too many of the people of Hong Kong have been stifled by platitudes and that they are suffering from a guilty? of frustration born out of fury?

I conclude with a proposition. Britain requires a representative at some convenient place in the China Seas capable of representing those things for which she stands, elementary things but difficult to define, those things which have won for her a place in the foreground of civilization, speaking of all time.

Her eyes are inevitably turned towards Hong Kong. Can Hong Kong fill the role? If she is to do so she must, I am convinced, commence by appreciating the nature of the part she is called upon to play, the quality of her birthright and heritage.

Great empires and little minds go ill together. She must fit herself for her position of privilege. What was good enough for the past may not be good enough for the future.

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Sir—I notice from a report appearing in your column yesterday that a man was fined \$100 of four weeks' simple imprisonment for having made a false report to the Police that his clothing and bed boards had been stolen. Whereas in fact they had been seized by the Bailiffs of the Supreme Court under a Distress Warrant and auctioned by Messrs Lammert Brothers.

There is no quarrel regarding the decision of the Magistrate, but if my memory in regard to the Law of Distress serves me right, I believe a person's bed and wearing apparel are exempt from seizure under a Distress Warrant. It would be interesting, therefore, to know how in this case the clothing and bed boards of the man in question came to be seized.

This case would seem to clearly indicate the need, as suggested in your leader of yesterday, for the formation of a Prisoners' Aid organisation to furnish legal aid in special cases.

NED KELLY.

Kowloon Noise

Sir—At a time when one's nerves are in shreds after the turmoil of war, with the noise of machinery going all night, added to the din of street urchins, cyclists, rickshaws, drunkards, etc., someone now owning a joint near the Star Theatre, has thought fit to put up a dance-hall on a first floor, to augment this already noisy city.

While it is good—from a business point of view and entertaining to the large number of seamen, dance girls and others, I must say it is far from agreeable to the neighbours who after a day's work have a right to a period of rest and sleep.

It occurs to me: How has it been possible to secure the necessary permit for such an establishment in a residential block of flats? I cannot comprehend. Sooner or later possibly some wise birds—may think of putting one in the Peak flat.

At one time pre-war a similar dance-hall was established near this locality, but in no time they were requested to move elsewhere.

Perhaps if we were to have an anti-noise squad, I am sure they would do a world of good to Kowloon.

A KOWLOONITE.

Balsam Not Genuine

As a result of a raid by Revenue Inspector English on the second floor of a Wing Lok Street chemist, Chung Tim Ma, 42, appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo to answer a charge of possession of dutiable commodities on which duty had not been paid.

Defendant, the owner of a chemist's shop, was in possession of 52 bottles of "Pectex Cough Balsam" (which was not genuine).

Mr. Remedios, on behalf of defendant, said he had been sick for over twelve months, and his folk had bought the cough balsam from a travelling trader who had produced a receipt suggesting he had paid duty.

Defendant was fined \$100, and the balsam was confiscated.

Sterility Denial

Washington, May 20. Talk about atomic energy workers running the risk of sterility is nonsense, according to Dr. John Boyers, assistant director of Biology and Medicine for the Atomic Energy Commission, today.

He said the birth rate in Oakridge, Tennessee, and Richmond, Washington—the United States two Atomic Energy towns—is three or four times as high as in the average American community.

Boyers said it was foolish to believe about sterility from Atomic radiation because the amount needed to make a person sterile probably would be enough to kill him.—United Press.

FEWER WORKERS

London, May 20. Britain's working population decreased by 39,000 during April, including an overall loss of 16,000 in the manufacturing industries, the Ministry of Labour announced today.

Agricultural workers increased by 3,000 while textile workers increased by 2,000.

The armed forces were reduced by 69,000 during March bringing the total to 927,000 at the end of April, the Ministry said.—United Press.

St. John's AMBULANCE

Orders by Comm. A. of Arcull, Commissioner, St. John's Ambulance, Order No. 15/48, dated May 11, 1948: Parade, Hong Kong: 8th Nam Div. 8th Nam College, Sat. 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; Shaukwan Div., Taihoo Chinese School, Sat. 22nd, 8 p.m.

Kowloon: No. 1 Corps, First Aid Class, Tue. 25th, Nathan Rd. II. Centre, 8 p.m.; No. 2 Corps, Home Nursing Class, Fri. 29th, Nathan Rd., 9 p.m.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: May 22 to May 24, 8th Nam Division; May 25 to June 4, Wanchai "D" Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: May 24 to May 29, Tinatshau Division; May 31 to June 6, Kowloon Y.M.C.A. Division.

Meetings: All Divisional Supts. Hong Kong will parade at Brigade H.Q. at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, bringing with them complete records of equipment issued to their Divisions.

Leaves: Corps Officer, Tung Kin Shing granted one week's leave, w.e.f. 17.4.48. President, Appointments, etc.: L/Cpl. Pung Kan Ho, Mongkok Div. to Cpl. w.e.f. 1.5.48; L/Cpl. Leung Shiu Kan, Kowloon Y.M.C.A. to reserve w.e.f. 1.5.48.

(Sgd.) R. A. EDWARDS, Corps Officer.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L. T. Hild, C.B.E., R.E., Commander, H.K.V.D. Corps: Order No. 15/48, dated May 20, 1948: Course for B.O.M.S. and C.Q.M.S.: The Course will commence on Tuesday, June 1 at 6.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room at Camp Harewood.

PART 2 ORDERS No. 15/48: Strength Decreases: 2804 Pte. Lee Kai Chee, No. 4 Company, w.e.f. 12.5.48.

(Sgd.) J. WESTON, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES: Lawn Bowls: The following have been selected to represent the Corps in a lawn bowls match against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on their ground at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 1948.

Team: Capt. R.C. Hamilton, C.Q.M.S. (skip), Mr. Ferguson, Sgt. W.C. Simpson (skip); Pte. E.A.R. Allen, Colonel L.T. Hild, C.B.E., ED, Lieut. P.V. V. Ribeiro, Sgt. J. McBride (skip), Capt. R.R. Davies, Lt. Col. H.R.L. Dowling, OBE, C.Q.M.S. A. Stevan, C.Q.M.S. L. Sykes (skip), (Captain); C.Q.M.S. V.G. Labrum, Capt. A.A. Dand, Pte. A.J.G. Eastman, Cpl. R. Morrison (skip); Cpl. J.A. Hemmings, 8/Sgt. F.E. Lawrence, Pte. W.D. McMaster, L/Cpl. C.B. Roselet (skip).

Golf: The following have been selected to represent the Corps in a golf match against the Army at Fanling on Sunday, May 23. Lt. Col. H. Owen-Hughes, ED, Lieut. H. Biew, Sgt. C.D.H. Walker, Captain K.S. Robertson, CSM, W.R.K. Gulliver, Capt. J. Weston, GM.

Golf, starting time allotted is 9 a.m. to 10.20 a.m., and players are requested to be at Fanling by 8.45 a.m. at the latest. Transport arrangements will be notified to players individually.

MISSIONARIES CAPTURED

Shanghai, May 20. Five Norwegian Lutheran missionaries were in Laohokow when "all to the Chinese Communists" and presumably have been captured, the Norwegian consulate said here today.

The Consulate listed the missionaries as A. Tiltens, A. Hoang, A. Andri, E. Knudsen and Dr. Olsen.—Associated Press.

PREMATURE

London, May 19. The Treasury tonight stated that press reports that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will visit Canada this month "were premature and incorrect."

The Treasury added: "We have been discussing with the Canadian Government the possibility of a visit by the Chancellor to Ottawa. No final arrangements have yet been made."—Reuter.

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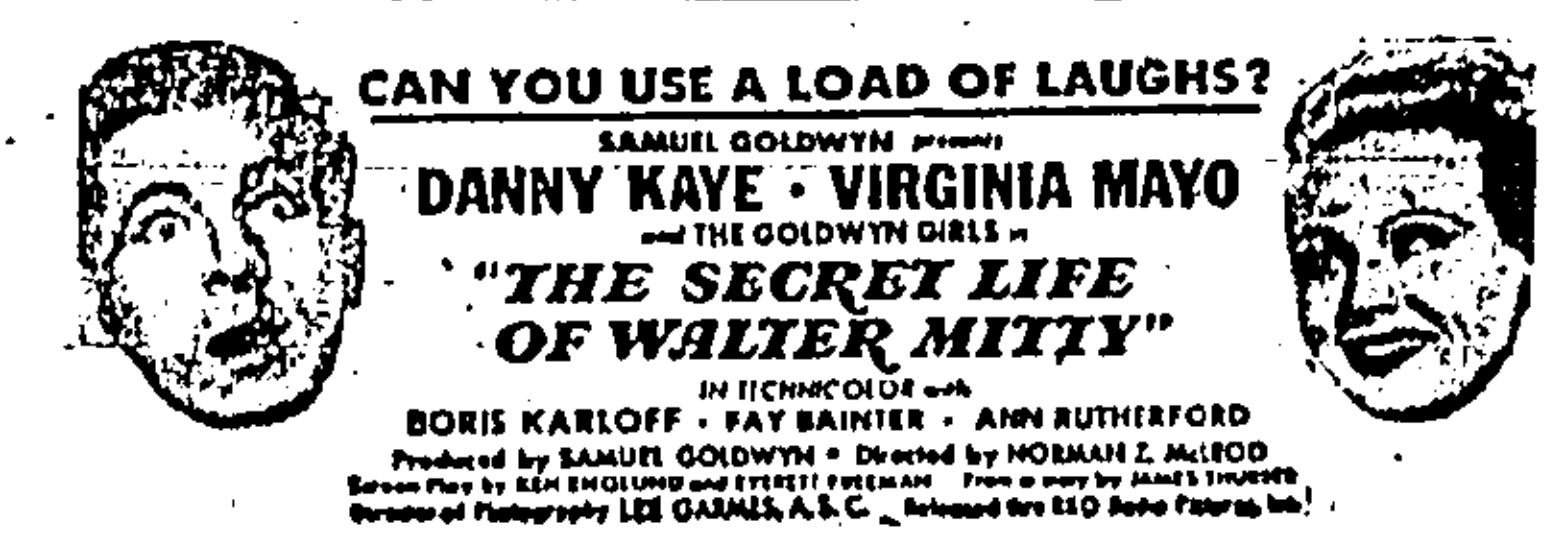
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JAPANESE TREATY DELAY

Peace Farther Away Than During Last Summer

Americans No Longer In A Hurry

Washington, May 19.
American treaty makers believe a formal peace with Japan may be delayed indefinitely. These diplomats say such factors as continuing world uncertainties and Russian and Chinese opposition to the American overtures will contribute to the delay.

Peace with Japan, bound by formal treaty appears farther away than it did last summer when the U.S. hoped to have a preliminary Pacific peace meeting opened before winter. The U.S. wanted to bring the Pacific Allies together to set up rules for a formal session. It wanted all to participate and with no veto power for anyone. However, Russia insisted the big four Pacific powers should write the pact and that each participant should have the veto power. China supported the Russian view.

Later China modified her position, proposing that all Allies take part but that the big four must be among any majority decision.

Continuing world uncertainties further dimmed peace treaty prospects.

Delay Wiser?

American authorities on Japan are coming to the view that it may be best not to write the pact until other world troubles are more nearly solved. They say this appears to be advisable so the Nipponese treaty may be made to conform.

At present Australia is leading the campaign for an early Japanese peace settlement. England is lending mild support. These nations are looking for wider trading possibilities and supposedly see Japan as an addition to the list if a formal peace can be written. Restrictions on Japan's international trade would be removed when the treaty is signed.

A further divergent view among the Allies developed when China's recent Assembly reportedly outlined its position. The Chinese proposal calls for Allied control of Japan for 50 years and changes in almost all phases of Japanese life.

Chinese Plan

China wants to abolish the Japanese throne, use a United Nations police force to implement the treaty, get half of Nipponese reparations, destroy all hidden Japanese war potential such as metal and chemical industries, confine Japanese to their four main islands, cede the Ryukyus to China, and limit imports of potential war materials. The Western Pacific Allies feel Japan must be allowed to develop industrially and in international trade to become self-supporting. This conflicts with numerous Chinese proposals and views of other Oriental nations which want Japan stripped of any semblance of military power and want her made impotent commercially.

Meanwhile, American occupation authorities in Japan continue to do virtually unilaterally what may be done by all the Pacific Allies once the peace becomes official.—Associated Press.

Regrettable Example!

Edinburgh, May 19.
The Scottish Association of the Lord's Day Observance Society has protested to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, that the official itinerary of the recent visit to Paris of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh included a race meeting and dancing at a night club on a Sunday. "This is contrary to the best traditions of the British people and sets a regrettable example before the youth of the nation," the Society said.—Reuter.

China Mine Disaster

Shanghai, May 20.
A Chinese report from Chungking said today that more than 100 bodies were recovered from Peipai colliery where a series of explosions occurred on May 14.

The brief despatch said that 37 successive explosions occurred when weak electric power slowed down the ventilator causing an accumulation of gas.

The despatch did not mention the number of workers in the mine at the time of the blast and did not estimate the total of casualties. Peipai is three hours bus ride from Chungking.—United Press.

GORAKHPUR REVOLT

New Delhi, May 19.
Indian press reports today said that Communist-led peasants revolted against landowners at Gorakhpur, 400 miles northeast of Delhi.

The reports said 400 agricultural labourers, armed with spears and bamboo staves, seized a large estate ten miles from Gorakhpur and raised the red flag.—United Press.

"This Melancholy Operation"

London, May 19.
The Admiralty told the full story today of how British ships evacuated 50,000 troops from nine Greek beaches during seven nights late in April, 1941, despite German mines and dive bombers.

The despatch, by Admiral A. B. Cunningham, written shortly after the event, called it "This Melancholy Operation." But his account of that second major evacuation by the British—the first was Dunkirk—during the early days of the war showed the Royal Navy accomplished what it set out to do.

The first phase of the operation in March, 1941, was the transportation of some 50,000

troops with all their arms across the Mediterranean from Egypt to Greece in an attempt to prevent that country from being overrun by the Germans.

The second began on April 24 with the evacuation of those troops who had failed to save Greece from the invader.

Both phases were successes so far as the Navy was concerned, Admiral Cunningham implied, "but had our enemy shown more enterprise, the results might have been very different."—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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FINEBEE ONLY AT END

IN OCCASIONAL rare cases, especially when no other play is available, it is well to try a finesse at the earliest possible moment, before the defence has too much information. As a general rule, however, a finesse should be postponed as long as possible if other plays are available which may be attempted first, the trying of which still leaves the finesse as a last resort if the other methods don't pan out. This applies alike to the making of a contract and the gaining of an extra trick.

S. Q 5
H. J 10 7
D. J 9 7 5
C. K 4 3 2
S. A K 10
H. K Q 8
D. 9 5
C. A J

S. 6 3 2
H. None
D. A K 10 3 2
C. 10 9 8 7 6
(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
South West North East
Pass 19 Pass 2 H
Pass 6 H

Talk about direct bidding! It was not so direct, however, as all the tables of a duplicate game involving players of widely varying ability. It seemed that the more complicated a pair was in its methods, the worse contract it reached. The bad contracts ranged all the way from a mere 3-No Trumps to 5-Spades. Fortunately no pair was so un-

sound as to reach 6-No Trumps and get licked by two immediate diamonds.

Most tables found East in 6-Hearts, some making it right on the head and others gaining an extra trick as they should. Where only the small slam was scored, without the extra, East took out trumps and then tried the club finesse, which failed.

Those who raked in all the tricks started likewise, but after removing trumps they worked on the spades. When the Q fell on the second round, the rest of the spades furnished discards of the remaining three diamonds and the club Q. If the spade Q had not dropped, one ruff of a spade would have set up three of the suit for sloughing the club Q and two of the diamonds, and the remaining diamond could have been trumped in the dummy.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM

S. 7 6 3
H. 10 7 4
D. K Q 8 6
C. Q 10 3
S. J 9 2
H. K 8 5
D. Q 4 3 2
C. K J 7
S. A K Q 8 4
H. J 2
D. J 10 7
C. 6 5

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)
If South's 1-Spade is passed to him what should East do, having a part score of 80?

Hongkong And China Currency

Shanghai, May 20.
The National Government's efforts to conclude a currency agreement with Hong Kong may not meet with immediate success, because Hong Kong's Government is reluctant to impose restrictions which would be too strict on business in the British Colony, according to a spokesman of the Central Bank of China.

The spokesman said that if such an agreement ever materialized, the Hong Kong Government would have to observe the provisions and carry out a relentless drive against black market activities in the Colony.

Meanwhile, Mr. Y. H. Yung, General Manager of the Sun Sing Cotton Mills, said on his return from Hong Kong that the mills, which were removed to Hong Kong, may soon be forced to return to Shanghai, owing to the dumping of Japanese goods in the British Colony, according to Chinese press reports.—Reuter.

Halfo, May 19
The "Empress of Australia" sailed today with an estimated 3,000 British troops aboard, including 500 Palestine Police.—United Press.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.45 p.m.—"Navy Minute" (BBCTS).
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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

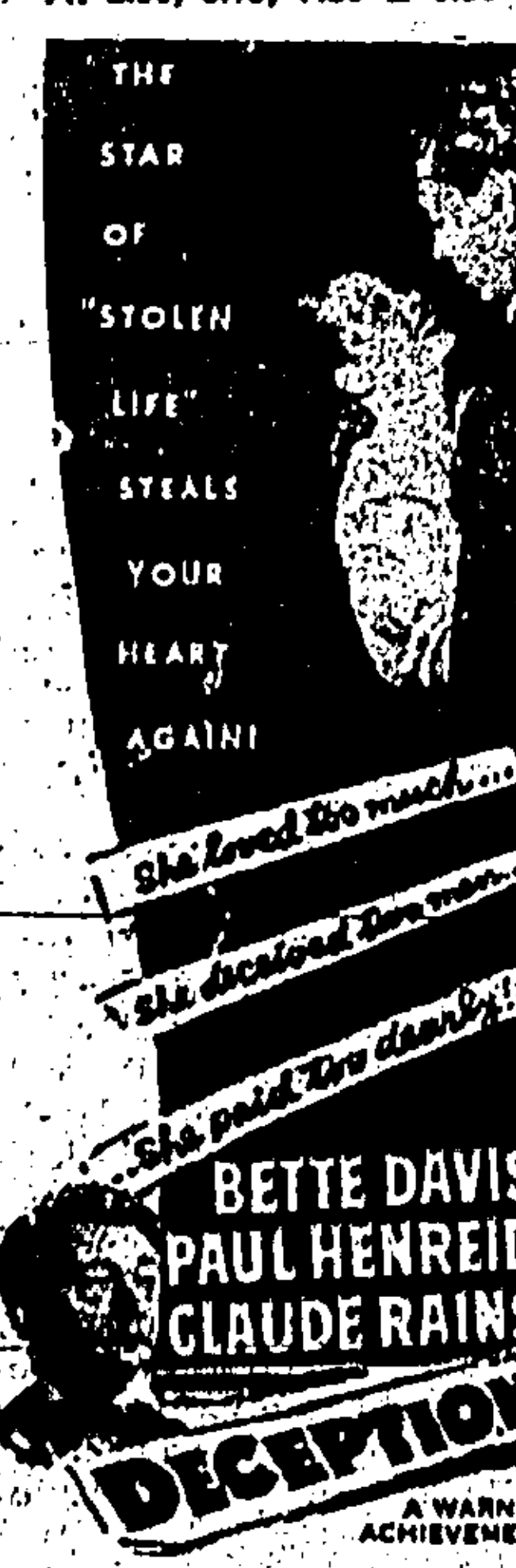
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1.30 p.m.—"Strings with Wings" George Melachro and His Strings, with Millicent Phillips and Wilfred Barnes (Vocal).
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Half-Hour—Songs for Boys and Girls presented by Donald Fraser (Studio).
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7.00 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (BBCTS).

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7.45 p.m.—Music of Chopin.
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
8.15 p.m.—Radio Revelers (ORBS).
8.30 p.m.—"Gilbert and Sullivan" The Story of a great Partnership. Episode 3 "Pirates and Pirates" (BBCTS).

9.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.30 p.m.—Dance to Buddy Featherstonhaugh and His Swing Band (Ensa).
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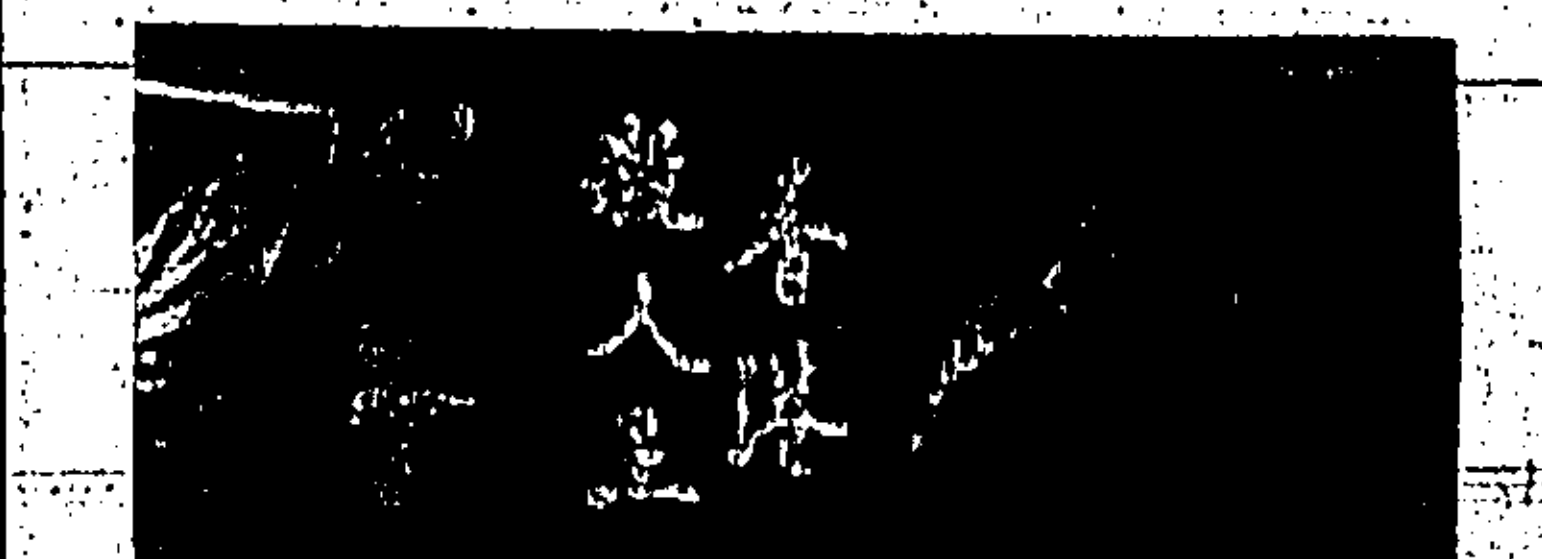
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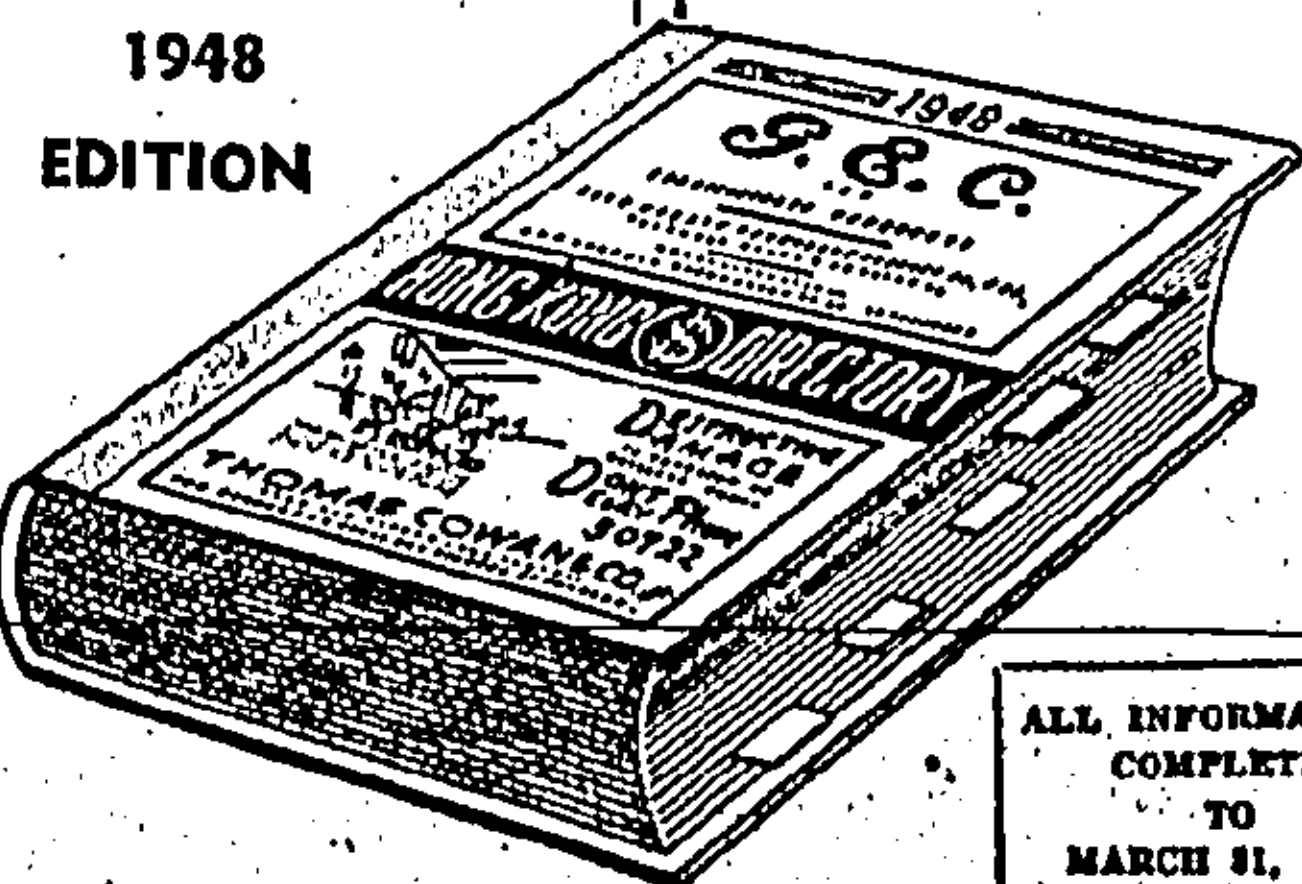
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FOOLISH FATALISM

The French have a saying "To talk of love is to make love"—which is often paraphrased, "To talk of war is to make war." This is not necessarily so. But there is enough truth in it to provide a reminder that an arms programme—with its necessary talk about the tools of war—should be accompanied by positive thinking toward peace. And the sounds of strife from the diplomatic fronts underscore this conclusion.

Moreover, in the United States more than in any other world country, there is today an alarming amount of foolish fatalism—an insistence that war is inevitable. This comes from an assumption that arms and war are synonymous, and from such hysterical statements as those of General Kenney reported elsewhere in this issue.

It is equally foolish to urge that arms and peace are synonymous. History can be cited to support the argument that the possession of arms makes men less reasonable, more disposed to rely on force. But guns do not go off by themselves. Fundamentally it is not the arms, but the thinking behind the arms which determines their use. The hate of hysteria must be dissolved.

This is much more than a matter of words. It is no good to cry peace, peace when there is no peace. We cannot ban hostilities by refusing to speak of war. But it is well to realize that there is no inescapable war in the differences between Russia and the United States. Because the war left a power vacuum, their respective spheres of influence have in many places reached out to a common border. But neither is vitally threatened. In between many countries are reviving and, given time, will become buffers.

In Europe particularly there is a vast potential "third force." Western Europe, aided by the Marshall Plan and brought into greater unity, would itself have greater economic power than Russia. Many observers are convinced that it is this process, though barely begun which has already put the Soviet on the defensive. Much of the evidence on which official calculations in Washington are based indicates that Russian nationalism has over-extended itself.

Of course, such matters can be miscalculated. In the present atmosphere there are always risks. Mr. Marshall evidently refuses to believe that it is safe now to count on Russia even for an agreement to disagree peaceably. But it is worth noting that there have been plenty of sparks which did not start a fire, and more than a little evidence that Moscow does not want a fire.

The conflict of ideas will go on. But defensive measures need not turn it into warlike channels. Indeed if it is successful in deterring Moscow's pressure, it will leave the issue more clearly than ever to peaceful decision in the economic and political, the mental and moral realm. So instead of accepting the foolish fatalism of inevitable war, the free peoples should mentally rearm themselves to prove the superiority of their way of life.

The
Thirty-first
InstalmentChurchill's Memoirs
SCANDINAVIAN CONFLICT

til April, 1940, that the decision that I asked for in September, 1939, was taken. By that time it was too late.

Almost at this very moment (as we now know), German eyes were turned in the same direction. On Oct. 3 Admiral von Raeder, Chief of the Naval Staff, submitted a proposal to Hitler headed "Gaining of Bases in Norway." He asked:

That the Fuehrer be informed as soon as possible of the opinions of the Naval War Staff on the possibilities of extending the operational base to the North. It must be ascertained whether it is possible to gain bases in Norway under the combined pressure of Russia and Germany, with the aim of improving our strategic and operational position.

He framed, therefore, a series of notes which he placed before Hitler on Oct. 10. In these notes (he wrote), I stressed the disadvantages which an occupation of Norway by the British would have for us, the control of the approaches to the Baltic, the outflanking of our naval operations and of our air attacks on Britain, the end of our pressure on Sweden. I also stressed the advantages for us of the occupation of the Norwegian coast: outlet to the North Atlantic, no possibility of a British mine barrier, as in the year 1917-18.

The Fuehrer saw at once the significance of the Norwegian

same lines in correct strategy, and one had obtained decisions from its Government.

Meanwhile the Scandinavian peninsula became the scene of an unexpected conflict which aroused strong feeling in Britain and France, and powerfully affected the discussions about Norway. As soon as Germany was involved in war with Great Britain and France, Soviet Russia in the spirit of her Pact with Germany proceeded to block the lines of entry into the Soviet Union from the West.

One passage led from East Prussia through the Baltic States;

from the range of hostile artillery. The cession of certain Finnish islands in the Gulf of Finland; the lease of the Rybushy Peninsula together with Finland's only ice-free port in the Arctic Sea, Petsamo; and above all, the leasing of the port of Hango at the entrance of the Gulf of Finland as a Russian naval and air base, completed the Soviet requirements.

so far victorious over their mighty assailant. This surprising event was received with equal satisfaction in all countries, beligerent or neutral, throughout the world. It was a pretty bad advertisement for the Soviet Army.

The conclusion was drawn too hastily that the Russian Army had been ruined by the purge, and that the inherent rottenness and degradation of their system of Government and society was now proved. It was not only in England that this view was taken. There is no doubt that Hitler and all his generals meditated profoundly upon the Finnish exposure, and that it played a potent part in influencing the Fuehrer's thought.

All the resentment felt against the Soviet Government for the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact was fanned into flame by this latest exhibition of brutal bullying and aggression. In spite of the Great War which had been declared, there was a keen desire to help the Finns by aircraft and other precious war material and by volunteers from Britain, from the United States, and still more from France.

Alike for the munition supplies and the volunteers, there was only one possible route to inland. The iron-ore port of Narvik with its railroad over the mountains to the Swedish iron mines acquired a new sentimental, if not strategic, significance. Its use as a line of supply for the Finnish armies affected the neutrality both of Norway and Sweden. These two States, in equal fear of Germany and Russia, had no aim but to keep out of the wars by which they were encircled and might be engulfed. For them this seemed the only chance of survival.

But whereas the British Government were naturally reluctant to commit even a technical infringement of Norwegian territorial waters by laying mines in the "Lands" for their own advantage against Germany, they moved upon a generous emotion, only indirectly connected with our war problem, towards a far more serious demand upon both Norway and Sweden for the free passage of men and supplies to Finland.

(To Be Continued)

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"An Absolute Revelation"

Monsieur Leon Blum, former French Prime Minister, commenting on one of the extracts from Mr. Churchill's Memoirs published in the press, writes the following in the May 5 issue of Le Populaire in Paris:

"M. Winston Churchill ne se borne pas à fixer des souvenirs, des impressions personnelles; sur beaucoup de points essentiels il produit des documents inédits, révèle des circonstances inconnues. Le témoignage est rendu pour l'histoire; il est à la fois premier ordre et de première main."

Concerning Mr. Churchill's revelation of President Roosevelt's proposal for a conference to the British Government on January 11th, 1938, M. Blum writes:

"Je ne hasarderai pas la-dessus de pronostic retrospectif. Ce qui est sûr, c'est que la proposition Roosevelt était, à tous égards, un événement de première importance, de première grandeur, et ce que je tiens pour certain, c'est que la France si elle l'avait connue, l'aurait acceptée sans réserve et appuyée de toute sa force."

Or si le Foreign Office en a été avisé dès le matin du 12 janvier, et M. Chamberlain dans la soirée du même jour, je crois pouvoir affirmer que le Gouvernement Français n'en a jamais eu connaissance. Pour ma part je n'en avais jamais entendu parler avant de lire le Figaro du 30 avril et cette lecture a été pour moi une révélation absolue."

problem; he asked me to leave the notes and stated that he wished to consider the question himself.

Rosenberg, the Foreign Affairs expert of the Nazi party, dreamed of "converting Scandinavia to the idea of a Nordic community embracing the northern peoples under the natural leadership of Germany."

Early in 1939 he thought he had discovered an instrument in the extreme Nationalist party in Norway, which was led by a former Norwegian Minister of War named Vidkun Quisling. Contacts were established, and Quisling's activity was linked with the plans of the German Naval Staff through the Rosenberg organization and the German Naval Attaché in Oslo.

Quisling and his assistant Hagelin came to Berlin on Dec. 14, and were taken by Raeder to Hitler, to discuss a political stroke in Norway. Quisling ar-

another led across the waters of the Gulf of Finland; the third route was through Finland itself and across the Karelian Isthmus to a point where the Finnish frontier was only 20 miles from the suburbs of Leningrad.

(The three Baltic States were occupied under pretence of a Mutual Assistance Pact, as related in an earlier instalment.)

Thus the southern road to Leningrad and half the Gulf of Finland had been swiftly barred against potential German ambitions by the armed forces of the Soviet Union, which remained only the approach through Finland.

Early in October Mr. Paasikivi, one of the Finnish statesmen who had signed the peace of 1921 with the Soviet Union, went to Moscow. The Soviet demands were sweeping; the Finnish frontier on the Karelian Isthmus must be moved back a considerable distance so as to remove Leningrad

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You can go to work now, Parsons—here's a paper-weight!"

Kenney Thinks Soviet
Will Start A War

New York, May 19.

General George C. Kenney of the Strategic Air Command said today that Russia would attack the United States as soon as the Russians "feel they can win in a conflict against us."

Speaking before a meeting of the American Legion Air Service here, General Kenney said, "The question today is quite simple and direct—when will that Communist crowd start operations?"

That would be just as soon as they believe they are prepared enough to win, General Kenney said.

"They are leaving no stone unturned in the endeavour to solve secrets of atomic energy and it will not be more than a few years at best before they will possess a stockpile of atomic bombs, which may tempt them to start bombers on the way to smash our centres of industry and population."

General Kenney reviewed the tremendous production of Soviet aircraft and war materials, which he said went on despite general belief that the Communists were "backward mechanically."

"The threat is Communism masquerading as a doctrine of progress when in reality it is a movement of reaction. Like many other tyrannies before it, it is relying on many disguises and false philosophies to justify attack on human freedom."

He said their new political techniques must not be dismissed lightly, for the Americans might "read of more Polands, more Czechoslovakias, more Finlandes, and eventually begin to wonder when it is our turn to be invited into the spider's parlour."

United Press.

ECONOMIC CRISIS
IN GREECE

Athens, May 20.

Mr. Dwight Griswold, head of the American military aid mission to Greece, was leaving here tonight for Washington with a letter from the Greek Premier, M. Themistocles Sophoulis, asking him to tell the Government of the United States about the economic situation in Greece, the Athens news agency reported.

The letter gave the Greek Government's view on the relation of the United States to the present needs for reconstruction and for funds to fight the guerrillas.

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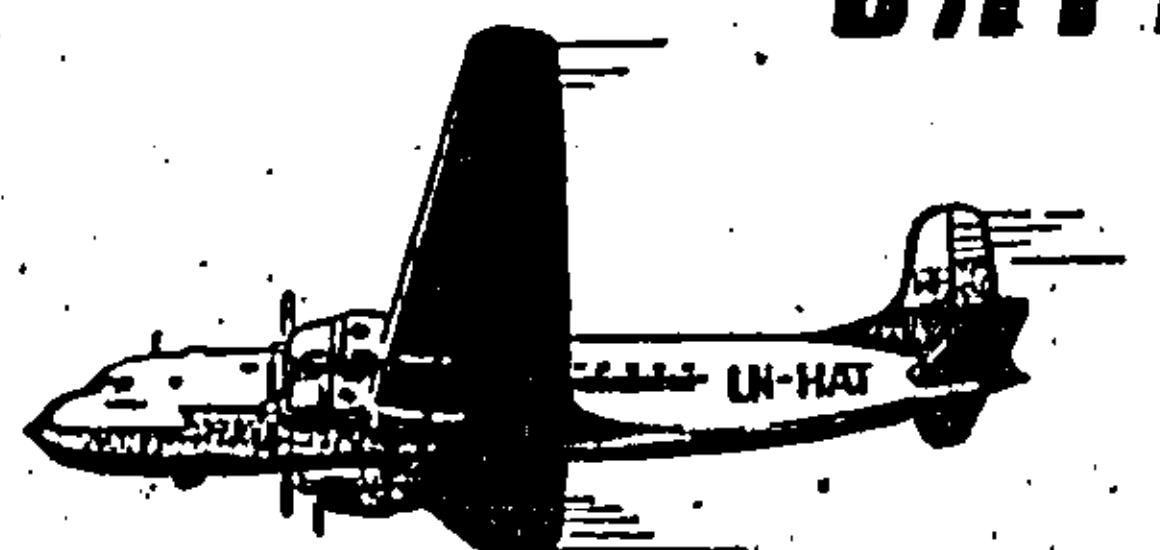
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PALESTINE INTERVENTION

Britain Opposes American UNO Resolution Urges Judicial Study Of Situation

Lake Success, May 19.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, Britain, asserted tonight that the Security Council cannot now determine judicially who is the aggressor in Palestine, and that Britain cannot therefore agree to the invocation of Article 39 of the Charter. This article, providing that the Security Council should determine the existence of any threat to the peace, is the basis for the American resolution calling on the Arabs and Jews in Palestine to cease fire and stand fast on their present fighting lines.

Sir Alexander, proposing an amendment to the United Nations resolution, called the stand-fast proposal attractive but "ambitious," and asked how the Council would determine the location of opposing forces, and how it would supervise an observance of the stand-fast if it were accepted.

He asked for a thorough study of the judicial status of Palestine, saying that the proclamation which set up the Jewish state was an unilateral action. He said that the original Assembly resolution of last November instructed the United Nations Commission to see that Jewish and Arab states were set up, with economic union, and to draft a constitution which would define the right of each group, preparing the way for Arab and Jewish independence in Palestine on Oct. 1 this year.

Change In Status

The main point of Sir Alexander's resolution was a preamble asking the Security Council to bear in mind "the change in the judicial status of Palestine consequent upon the termination of the mandate, and the necessity for further clarification of this status."

Like the American text, it then calls on all parties to stop fighting within 30 hours after the resolution is passed, but adds that the Truce Commission should give first priority to negotiating a truce in Jerusalem.

Mr. Warren Austin, the American delegate, strongly opposed the British-amended version, claiming that the Security Council had the duty under Chapter 7 of the Charter to deal with all threats to the peace, whether international or not.

Sir Alexander then challenged the Council to define the status "of the geographical entity known as Palestine," and declared that "there would be nothing in law to prevent action of a peaceful character directed to the setting up of a Government or Governments in Palestine, even if this were done with the help of an other state or states," provided that the action was not inconsistent with any Assembly resolution.

Disastrous Course

Mr. Fernand van Langenhove, of Belgium, supported the British view that the Palestine problem should remain within the framework of Chapter 6, dealing with peaceful settlement. He would vote for the British resolution, he said, adding it was not practical to attempt to take the Palestine question into Chapter 7. One of its provisions, he said, was economic sanctions. "Are we then going to make the same mistake as the League of Nations did in Ethiopia?" he said. The other provision was military sanctions.

Mr. van Langenhove asked: "Is it not wiser to recognise that relations between the Big Powers do not allow the effective application of coercive measures under Chapter 7?" "Of all the solutions we could take, the worst one would be to formulate threats which could not fulfil. Nothing could be more disastrous for us."

Grand Doubts

Sir Alexander Cadogan insisted that Article 39 of the Charter was meant specifically to apply to breaches of international peace, although its wording does not state so. This, he suggested,

was an oversight, as the Article went on to say what should be done to restore "international peace and security."

He said Britain had grave doubts about the wisdom or expediency of invoking Article 39 at this stage. He said there would be nothing legally to choose between the claims of the Jews to have set up a state in the area given their under partition, and any claims of the Arabs to have set up a state over the whole of Palestine.

He asked "if our attention is now focussed on certain moves by the Arab states, what do we think of the Jewish attack on Jaffa—to mention only one incident?"

He cautioned the Council against committing itself to "a road of which we cannot see the end."

He urged again that a more modest, immediate aim be taken and said that the Truce Commission should give first priority to negotiation of a truce for Jerusalem.—Reuter.

Greek Reply To Execution Critics

Athens, May 19.

The Greek Government today replied to the Soviet protest over the executions in Greece by declaring that Soviet public opinion was misinformed and that those put to death were "common law criminals."

A note delivered to the Soviet Embassy here stated that in Greece nobody was put to death for his political opinions. "The crimes for which certain persons have been executed after an impartial judgment include torture and cold-blooded murder of non-combatants and hostages."

AMERICA TO WAIT AND SEE

Washington, May 19.

The United States would wait until it knew the Security Council's attitude on Palestine before taking a definite decision on the lifting of the embargo on arms for the Middle East, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today.

Mr. Marshall confirmed that the problem of raising the arms embargo, which has been in effect since last December, was under consideration, and, in fact, had been under consideration for some time.

"But we must also consider the attitude of the Security Council in this matter," he added.

Mr. Marshall's remarks confirmed the belief that the United States was awaiting the results of its proposal that the Security Council demand a halt in hostilities in Palestine before making up its mind on a policy, which, though affecting the Middle East generally, would in essence constitute a move by the United States in direct support of Israel.

It would likewise indicate virtual intervention in the war now raging in that area.—Reuter.

Communist Persecution

Singapore, May 19.

The Rev. Patrick O'Connor said today that the Chinese Communists are persecuting all Christian religions in North China. The churchman arrived from Shanghai to report the visit here next week-end of Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York for the National Catholic news service.

He said the Communist persecution of Christian religions "follows wherever Communist control is established." He said the persecution varied in intensity, "but follows a strikingly uniform pattern."—Associated Press.

Princess Has Measles

London, May 19.

Princess Margaret has gone down with measles, Buckingham Palace reported today. She became ill at Balmoral, Scotland, during the Whitsun week-end, and two doctors were called in when she returned to the Castle today.

The two, Sir Stanley Howlett and Sir John Weir, said it was a simple case of measles and that no complications were expected.—Associated Press.

The Fat In The Fire!

Brisbane, May 19.

A Queensland butter board official today alleged that Britain was re-selling overseas butter she had obtained from Australia.

He said Britain re-sold 2,000 tons of Australian butter and 2,720 tons of cheese between July last and March this year, and that an enquiry would be made.

He also alleged that Britain was re-selling butter and cheese in Hong Kong, Ceylon, North Africa and Malta.

His statement followed a public protest against a report that 8,000 cases of tinned butter and boxes of fresh butter had been sent from Britain to Haifa. It was said to be part of the British Food Ministry's quota for the Middle East.—Reuter.

Jews Arrested In Egypt

London, May 19.

The British Section of the World Jewish Congress announced today that it has appealed to Britain for assistance against the alleged threat of "indiscriminate persecution of Jews in Egypt and other Arab and Moslem countries."

In a letter to Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, the organization said that, according to reports received, "hundreds of Jews in Egypt have been arrested during the last few days, and many of them have been expelled from the country, including the former Chief Rabbi of Alexandria."

The letter added: "Having in mind the events which have occurred in various Arab and Moslem countries following the decisions of the United Nations on the partition of Palestine in November last, when large-scale outrages and excesses against Jews took place, regardless of their nationality and long-standing residence, we feel bound to ask for measures to be taken in time to prevent a repetition of such occurrences."—Reuter.

Shanghai Case Re-Trial

Shanghai, May 20.

Shanghai's High Court has sent back to the District Court for retrial the case involving Soo Van-lay, a Manila Chinese who was found guilty by the District Court some time ago of kidnapping, according to Chinese reports.

Soo was alleged to have kidnapped a Chinese resident, Mr. Lee An-tai, in Manila in 1944. He came to Shanghai shortly after and was detained by local police authorities on the request of the Manila Court.

Soo was sent to the Shanghai Court for trial early last summer and was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. At the hearings, the accused denied his guilt and further contended he had already been acquitted by a Manila court. The case will soon be retried.—Reuter.

WITHOUT SHAME

Washington, May 19.

Representative Arthur W. Klein, Democrat of New York, said today that Britain is sabotaging the infant State of Israel by supplying arms to the Arabs.

In a speech prepared for the House of Representatives, Klein said:

"Without shame, the British Foreign Office defied the United Nations international committee and the rudiments of decency by the shameful declaration that Great Britain will continue to furnish arms to Transjordan."—Associated Press.

MANILA CLASH

Manila, May 19.

A soldier was killed following a clash last night between some 20 Philippine Army personnel and policemen and civilians near the War Crimes Commission compound.

The clash started when War Crimes guards insulted passing women. Several guards were reported to have been beaten by indignant civilians.—Reuter.

Britain's Military Exit From Palestine

London, May 19.

Britain will begin redeploying her Middle East military forces and material this week with the repatriation of nearly 15,000 troops from Palestine.

Five troop transports—including a hospital ship—are standing by in Haifa to carry the troops home in an operation scheduled to be completed by June 2, an official Whitehall source said.

The withdrawal follows Britain's surrender of the Holy Land mandate.

The rest of Britain's Palestine army will be assigned at least temporarily to Cyprus, the erstwhile Italian colony of Cyrenia, North Africa and to Kenya East Africa, where a vast military supply base is being constructed.

Completion of the entire British Palestine withdrawal programme will probably take place "some weeks" before the United Nations last year, the source said.

Kenya Base

Within the next three months the British expect that the 20,000 or more former Jewish displaced persons held in Cyprus

will have been transferred to Palestine by the Jewish authorities.

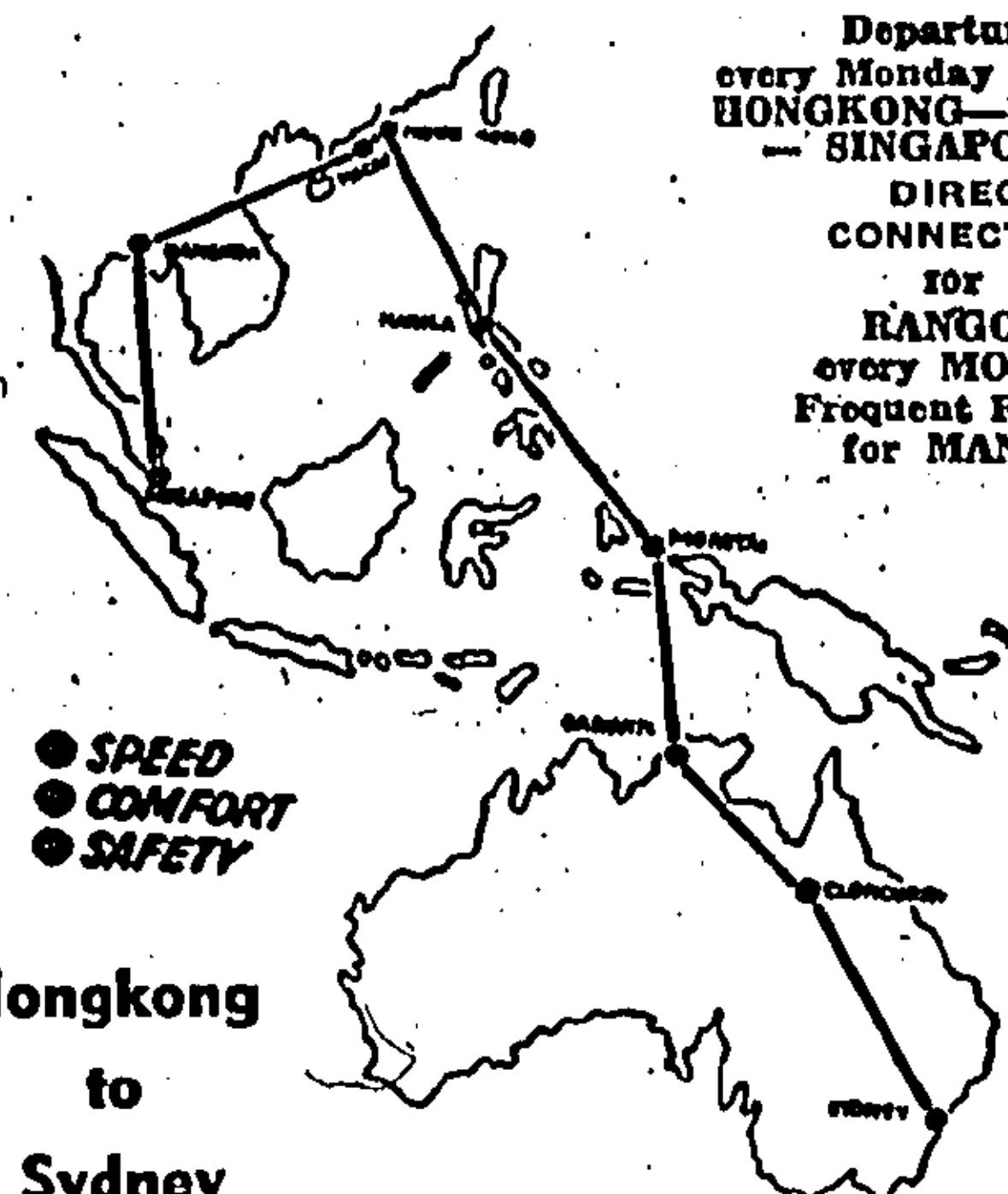
He added these Jews have been held in Cyprus in some cases since 1946 following unsuccessful attempts to enter Palestine through the British Naval blockade.

Meanwhile the source disclosed that the British are recruiting up to 10,000 skilled Italian workers in an effort to speed up construction of the base areas in Kenya.

They will be additional to an estimated labour force of 30,000 Africans which is being assembled in Kenya to carry out most of the "unskilled operations."

Munitions and other military material from Palestine will be shipped to Kenya.—Associated Press.

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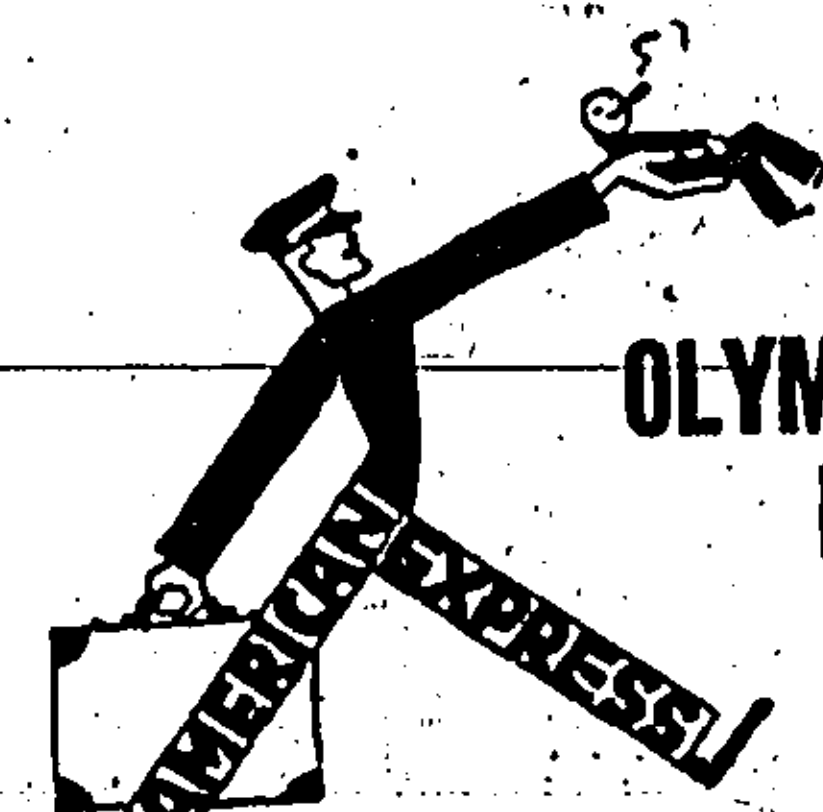
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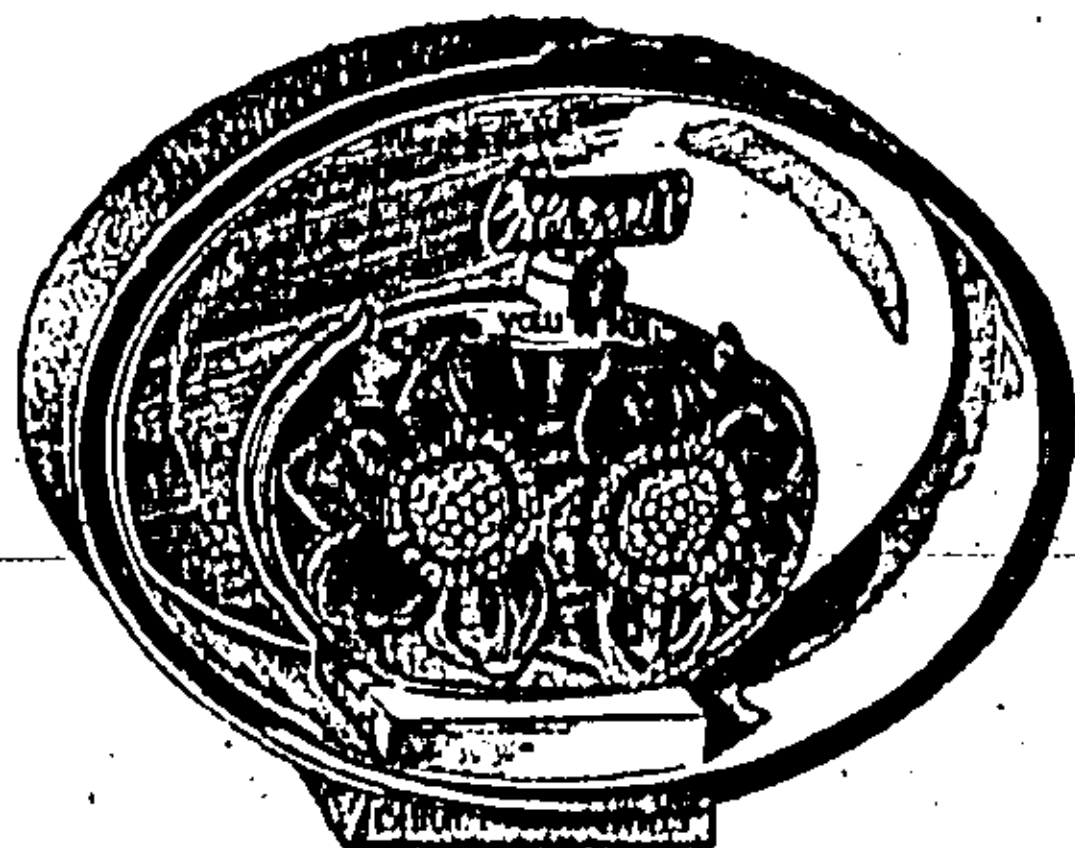
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CINEMA WORLD

SCHOOL FOR SCREAMING

By KITTY GWENN

Acting requires more than a pleasant smile or shapely legs. Each film has its own requirements, and if the stars don't know them—well, they go to school and learn.

So finished is their work when cinema audiences see it that film stars appear supermen and women in all arts and skills. Actually there is seldom a picture made where-in the stars are not called upon to "learn" something—from handling a bow and arrow down to the ordinary backyard talent of being able to scream in a manner to lift the hair.

Even stars of years standing have to be taught new tricks. Not long ago one of Britain's leading actors had to put in three months intensive training in a sword school.

Pictures demand longer sequences than the stage (in pro-

duction, that is; not in the finished scene), and although this actor has played his pictured part many hours on the stage, the "take"-making for the movie lasts so long he must know a great deal about swords and how to use them.

He was enrolled in a sword school and the picture did not start until he was a true swordsman.

Two-Hand Trick

Hollywood actors on loan to make films in England often have to go to a school to learn

what they call the two-hand trick. American eating practice is different from English. The American eats with fork alone held in the right hand; the Englishman uses knife and fork, fork to the left.

It may seem a simple matter for a trained actor to take up knife and fork and pretend to eat with both, but actors during the shooting of a scene are under considerable strain. They are liable to forget they should be eating in the English manner and lay down their knives.

So for them is the school of etiquette of English manners and customs. Once graduated, no matter how tense the scene, and how little they are remembering their hands, they eat Englishly. One notable told me that this fork-in-the-left business was one of his toughest trials.

"Singing Stars"

Lessons in singing (or at any rate singing gestures) are often necessary for stars. Everyone knows that any voice can be dubbed in to suit the opening and shutting of a star's mouth. In pictures where music is important either the star has to be a good singer or a good voice is dubbed.

Sometimes, however, directors striving for naturalness let the star sing in a sweet little natural voice of her own. The training behind these few bars often takes star months of hard work.



"WILD HARVEST": Alan Ladd, trouble-hunter extraordinary, finds plenty of his favourite sport in the forthcoming "Wild Harvest." (Paramount).

DOROTHY'S LAST ROAD

By Patricia Clary

The next "Road" picture, as far as Dorothy Lamour is concerned, will be "The Road to the Cemetery."

Miss Lamour says five "Road" jaunts with irrepressible Bing Crosby and Bob Hope were enough. A sixth would put her six feet under.

A year after their last jaunt in "Road to Rio," Miss Lamour still remembers the "chuckles—the antics along the way."

"As crazy as they were," she said, "I think the craziest thing was insisting that the picture start the day after Christmas. I think this uncomfortable idea had something to do with taxes though why those pluckers should worry, I'll never know."

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Hopeful

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Hope actually was very generous about buying Miss Lamour's wardrobe, she said, but she wonders if maybe the fur-lined sarong she wore in "Road to Utopia" had something to do with it.

"The Rest"

"Whenever I wore one of those strapless gowns," she said, "Bob insisted on nothing but closeups."

There was one day, she recalled, when producers Bing and Bob told her she could spend the whole day resting.

"But they forgot to tell me," she added, "that I was supposed to do my resting in a bed on the set, for a scene. They went out and played golf all day."

"Those jokes," she sighed, "were killing me."

"A MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE"

(Queen's)

Stars: Margaret Johnston, Doree Gray, Kieron Moore.

Story:—Miss Agnes Ilt and Miss Ellen Ilt, two spinster teachers of 1907, are left a legacy and an Italian villa by their uncle. They go there to find a suave major-domo, Salvatore (Kieron Moore), in charge. Salvatore is determined to possess the villa for himself, and with this object he marries Agnes. Ellen, meanwhile, falls in love with a former suitor of Agnes, Sir Benjamin Donch (Guy Middleton), but he should worry, I'll never know."

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"CASS TIMBERLANE"

(Queen's)

Stars: Spencer Tracy, Lana Turner.

Story:—Staid, conventional Judge Cass Timberlane (Spencer Tracy) meets and falls in love with a girl from "the wrong side of the tracks," Jinny (Lana Turner), a tomboy at heart, is unhappy with the Judge's society friends in Grand Republic, and begins to see more and more of a young lawyer, Bradd Criley (Zachary Scott).

After their baby is stillborn, Cass Timberlane takes Jinny to New York to try to make her happier, but Bradd is also there, and Cass, after a quarrel with Jinny, returns to Grand Republic without her. Jinny eventually discovers Bradd's worthlessness, and endeavours to leave him by walking out of his moving car. She and Cass are re-united in Grand Republic. The story is based on the novel by Sinclair Lewis. (M.G.M.)

Current Shows

KING'S:—"Slave Girl": Technicolour extravaganza, starring Yvonne De Carlo and George Brent. (Universal-Int.)

QUEEN'S:—"Anna Karenina": Vivien Leigh and Ralph Richardson in Tolstoy's story of a woman's love. (London Films)

LEE:—"Anna Karenina": ALHAMBRA:—"The Strange Love of Martha Ivers": Morbid melodrama, with Barbara Stanwyck and Van Heflin. (Paramount.)

"HOLIDAY CAMP" (Central). Star:—Flora Robson, Dennis Price, Jack Warner.

Story:—The Huggetta (mother, poppa, 10-year-old Harry and war-widow daughter Joan) arrive at a Holiday Camp determined to enjoy themselves. The family is split up into different

"THE CHASE"

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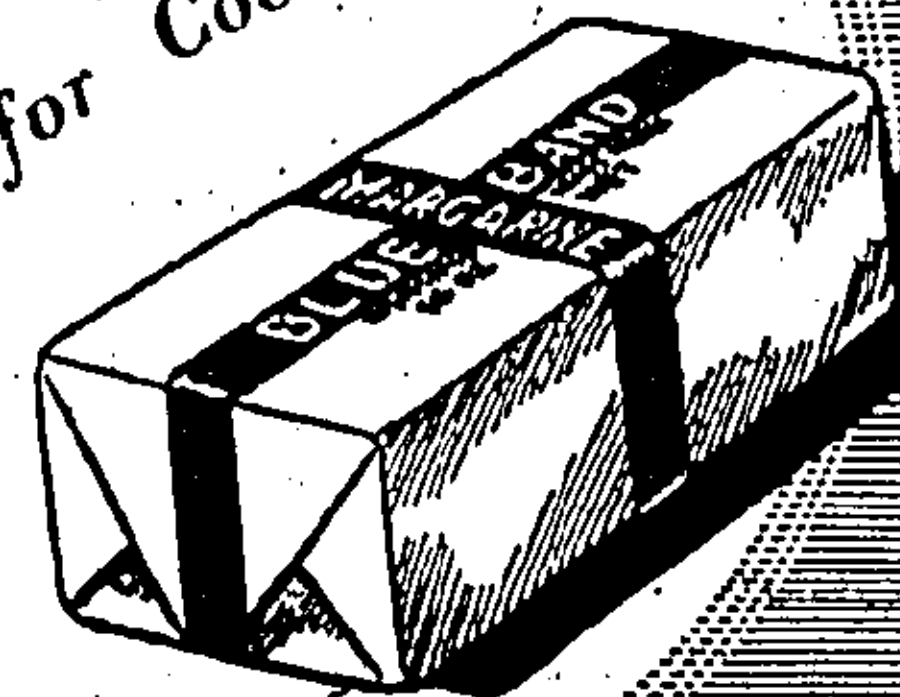
"THE CHASE": At a bar in Havana, Chuck (Robert Cummings) and Lorna (Michele Morgan) are toasting their love for each other when an itinerant photographer steps up to take their picture. As the flash bulb explodes, Lorna slumps to the floor, knifed by a stillie. (U.A.)

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"Cleaning" Up In Slovenia

Belgrade, May 19.
The Slovenian Home Secretary, S. Krajcar, told the Ljubljana Parliament yesterday that 37 priests had been arrested in Slovenia last year for "collaboration with armed bandits."

Speaking of the "Vatican's anti-people influence" Mr. Krajcar asserted that the "clergy must decide to side with the people—the national front—or against its own people and thus fight for fascism and barbarism." He said 104 "bandits" have been killed or captured in Slovenia. He declared that they were protected during the winter months by foreign intelligence services across the borders.

He said that during the summer an average of 25 were killed, captured or forced to flee back across the border each month.

He declared that "any centres" have been set up in Graz, Spital, Celovce, Salzburg, Gorizia and Trieste.—United Press.

Palestine Carnage

Berlin, May 19.
Palestine was compared with Abyssinia today by the Soviet-licensed newspaper "Nacht Express," which said the "life or death" of the United Nations depended on a "just and quick solution" of the Palestine problem.

The newspaper said "a bitter and bloody battle is raging in Palestine and there is immediate danger that the forces of the Arab League in Palestine will complete the work which Hitler's gas chambers in Europe did not carry to an end."—Associated Press.

D.P.'s Held In Europe

Geneva, May 20.
The International Refugee Commission today stopped all movement to Palestine by Jewish refugees under its protection.

Mr. William Hallam Tuck, Executive Secretary, said the Refugee Organisation "cannot assist directly or indirectly in a scheme designed to secure the recruitment of refugees into any armed forces which are, or may be, engaged in active warfare."

He added that no further transfer to Palestine of Jews in displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria would be sponsored by the organisation until "a properly constituted authority has been set up in Palestine with the approval of the United Nations."—Reuter.

Moscow Blamed For The Deadlock

Washington, May 19.

The United States today issued a point-by-point reply to Marshal Stalin on the 11 issues which he said he thought should be made the subject of renewed negotiations in his reply to Mr. Henry Wallace.

The reply blamed Moscow for the present deadlock and reiterated, in effect, the demand already made by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, that the next move in breaking the deadlock should come from Soviet Russia.

It also repeated the American view that the various problems to which both M. Molotov and Marshal Stalin had referred are already in the hands of various international organisations and deliberative bodies and can best be negotiated there rather than at a bilateral United States-Russian conference.

Here is how the State Department officials replied to each of Marshal Stalin's points:

(1)—Reduction of Armaments: Since 1946, this has been and still is under consideration in the commission for conventional armaments of the United Nations Security Council.

(2)—Atomic energy: The officials blamed the Soviet Union, Poland and the Ukraine for blocking effective agreement on the international control of atomic energy.

"The United Nations is still confronted with the problem of the international control of atomic energy," the United States Government is still ready to participate in a genuinely effective control.

Wide Divergence

(3)—The German peace settlement: "Soviet opposition to virtually every proposition put forward by the United States, Britain and France has thus far blocked all progress on this question."

(4)—The Japanese peace settlement: "The United States had proposed that an 11-nation peace conference be held for this purpose under a two-thirds majority voting procedure."

The Soviet Union has insisted that the matter be considered by the Council of Foreign Ministers. China has favoured an 11-nation conference but insisted that the "Big Four" have veto power over all decisions.

"It has, so far, been impossible to resolve the conflict between these widely different concepts as to the basis on which the Japanese peace treaty conference should be convened."

(5)—The evacuation of troops from China: Today there are 1,400 soldiers and 4,125 Navy and Marine personnel belonging to the United States in China.

Korean Throat

(6)—Korea: Recalling the United Nations General Assembly plan for Korea worked out last year, the State Department officials declared: "The USSR denied the United Nations Commission entry into the north zone of Korea."

Political Battle In Singapore

Singapore, May 19.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs at Singapore, Mr. G. W. Webb, today warned local Chinese that the Singapore Government would not tolerate the colony being turned into a battle-ground for China's political differences.

At a special press conference for Chinese journalists, Mr. Webb warned Chinese-language newspapers as well as secret societies and individuals that the Government would take steps to stop the current "battles."

The Government would not allow expressions like "the bogus President," "bogus Government" in an offensive verbal campaign against the head of a friendly foreign State.

The Government respected

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR COMMUNISTS

Washington, May 19.

An anti-Communism bill carrying heavy prison penalties passed the House of Representatives today by a 319 to 58 vote.

It now goes to the Senate for an uncertain reception, and, if not pigeonholed there, at least appears due for a major overhauling.

The bill bore the endorsement of the House Committee of Un-American Activities. The measure contains these major provisions:

1—A blunt declaration that an international Communist movement is conspiring to set up a totalitarian dictatorship in the United States through organisations it controls from abroad.

2—A definition that the Communist Party in the U.S. is one of these foreign-controlled organisations.

3—An assertion that the Communist movement presents a "clear and present danger" to the Security of the United States.

The bill would make it illegal to try in any manner to set up a foreign-controlled totalitarian dictatorship in the United States or to take part in a movement to create such a dictatorship.

Violators would face 10 years in prison and US\$10,000 fine and would lose their U.S. citizenship.

The bill would require the U.S. Government to file a financial report and list all its members annually. Communist Front groups affiliated with the Party would have to register and file financial statements but would not be required to file membership lists.

Soviet Surprised By U.S. Attitude

Moscow, May 19.

"Leading Soviet circles" were surprised at yesterday's statement from the State Department in Washington that Generalissimo Stalin's proposals to Mr. Henry Wallace could not serve as a basis for Soviet-American talks, Tass, the Soviet official news agency, said tonight.

The Soviet statement said: "Despite the fact that Marshal Stalin did not address himself officially to the Government of the United States, but merely gave a reply in his letter of May 17 to Mr. Wallace's open letter, the State Department considered it necessary to make a special statement to the press on Marshal Stalin's reply."

"The State Department, on the one hand, recognises the importance of Marshal Stalin's statement on the possibility and necessity of peacefully settling outstanding questions in the interest of universal peace."

But, on the other hand, the concrete proposals listed in Marshal Stalin's reply cannot serve as the subject of bilateral discussion between the United States and the USSR, but that the discussion of these questions with the participation of other countries, as for example, the question of the control of atomic energy in the United Nations Organisation, as well as the discussion of questions in the Council of Foreign Ministers, gave no reason to really ally because of the attitude of the Soviet Union."

Roosevelt: "The statement of the State Department caused surprise here, for its attitude is in complete contradiction to the statement of the United States Government of May 4, where the possibility of bilateral negotiations was 'denied' but, on the contrary, assumed as something obvious, for in the opposite case—the United States

Government would not consider it possible to make a statement to the Soviet Government concerning the desirability of settling questions of difference."

"Moreover, as is known, under the Roosevelt Government, the most difficult international questions were settled between representatives of the USSR, the United States, and Great Britain in complete agreement and unanimity for more than three years."

"The question therefore arises: Why now is it considered impossible to reach agreed decisions of the powers on now, less difficult, questions? It is not perhaps because the present Government of the United States has departed from the Roosevelt policy and is pursuing a different policy?"

"The Soviet public considers that the situation that has arisen in the result of the aggressive attitude adopted by the present Government of the United States of America."—Reuter.

WAREHOUSES ABLAZE

Frejus, France, May 20.
A fire of undetermined origin swept through a group of railway warehouses early today causing damage estimated at 100,000,000 francs.

Eight diesel engines, five cars and a railroad motor were destroyed, officials said.

Police are investigating the blaze.

Frejus is near St. Raphael on the Mediterranean coast.—United Press.

Court Decides For Lewis

Washington, May 20.

A Federal District Court today dismissed a charge of civil contempt of court against Mr. John L. Lewis, President of United Mineworkers, and the union for calling a miners' strike in defiance of a court injunction.

At the Government's request, Judge Alan Goldsborough agreed to consider ending the anti-strike injunction against Mr. Lewis and the union.

The Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, told the judge that the purposes of the Government's action against the miners—the resumption of normal production in the mines—had been achieved.

The Department of Justice did not desire to press the civil contempt charge brought against Mr. Lewis and the union last month. They were, at that time, convicted of criminal contempt for failing to obey the restraining order. Mr. Lewis was fined \$20,000 and the union \$1,400,000 on that charge.—Reuter.

The individual's right to political discussion, but when controversy became so fierce as to threaten violent action, it must intervene, Mr. Webb added.—Reuter.

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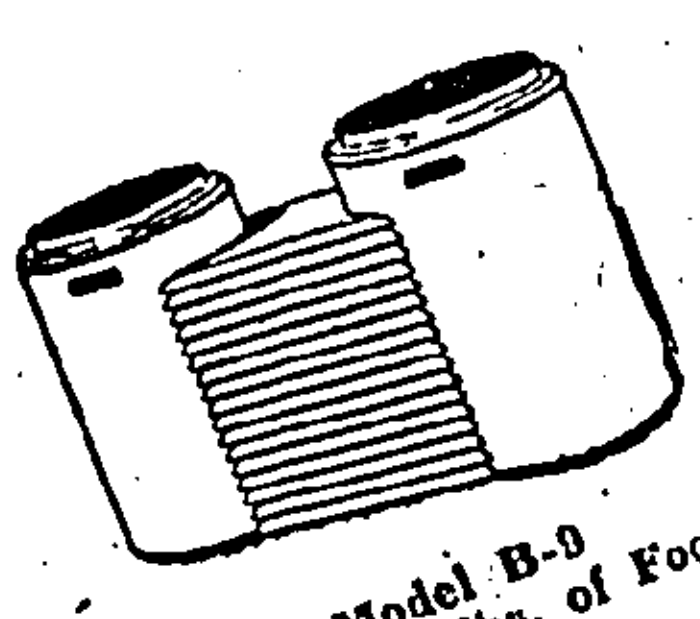
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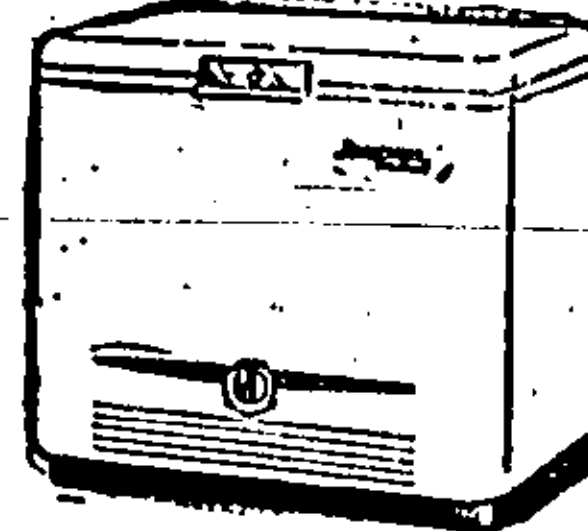
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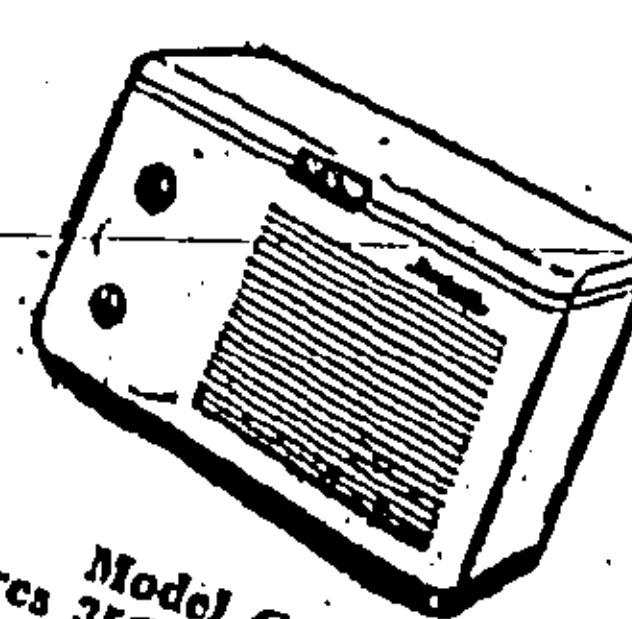
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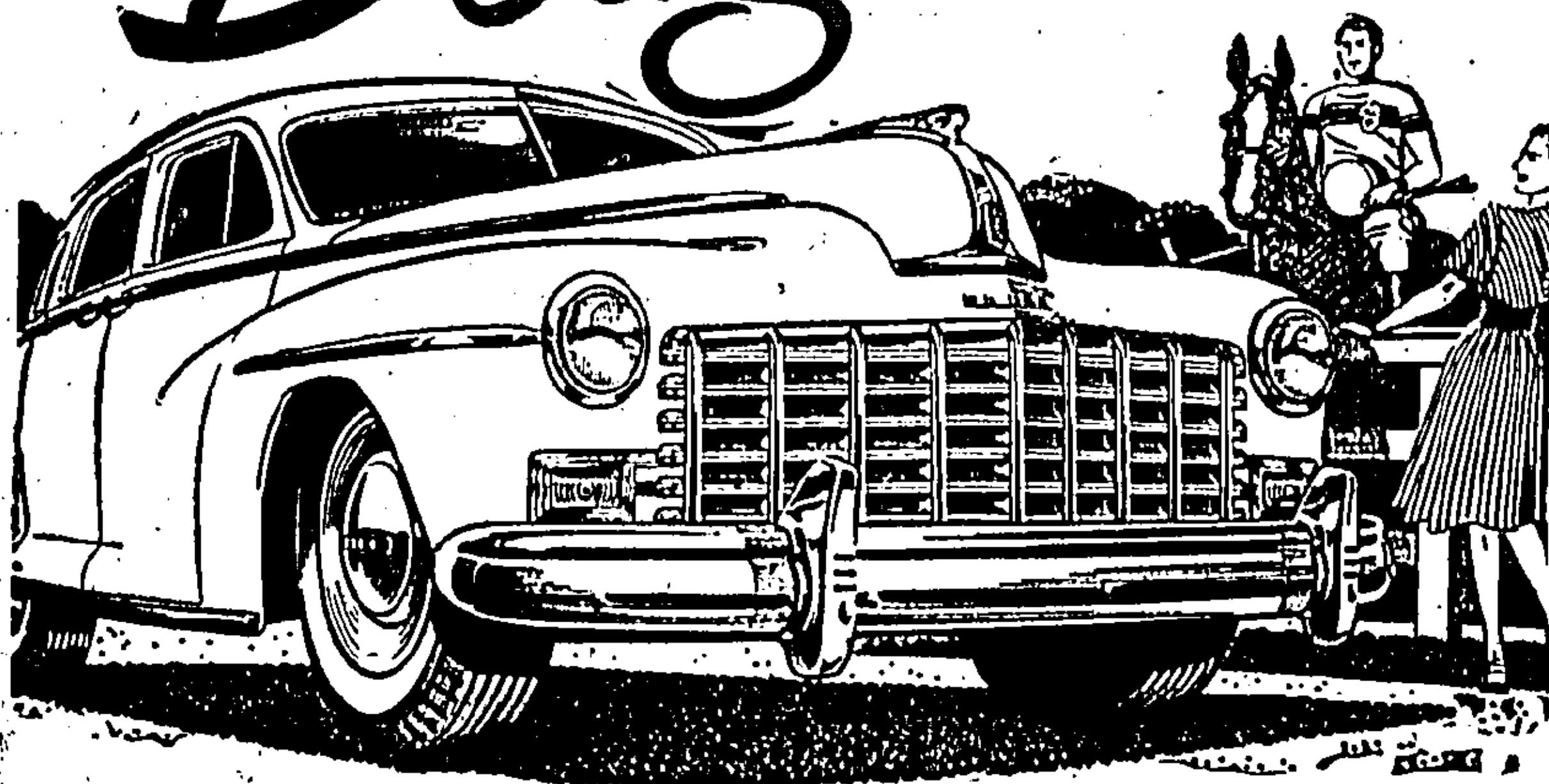
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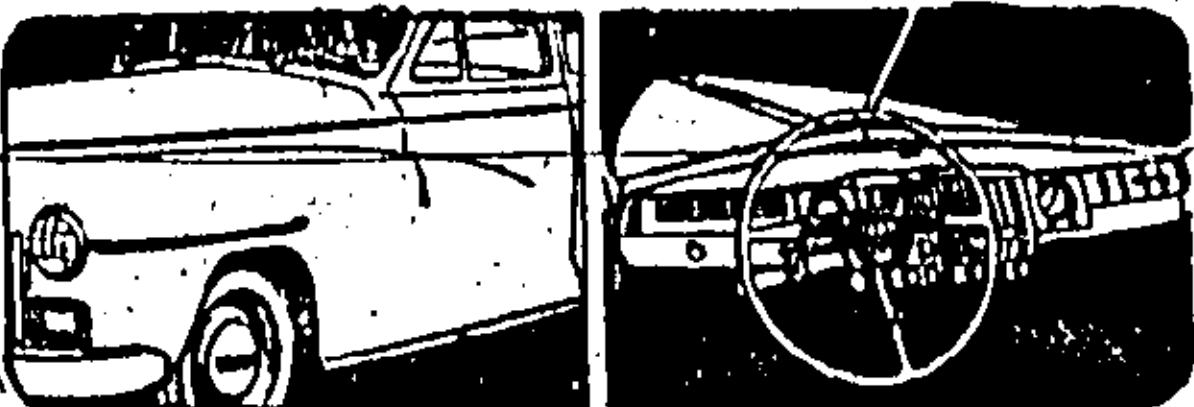
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EUROPEAN FEDERATION Important Resolution At Labour Conference Nationalisation Issue Raised

Scarborough, May 19.

The Labour Party annual conference today approved a resolution calling on the Government to promote closer integration of the countries of Europe and of the liberated peoples of Asia and Africa. It was accepted by the Party Executive.

Mr. Archibald Fenner-Brockway, who proposed the resolution, declared: "Our conception is a new Europe which moves towards Socialism. The Churchill conception is a new Europe in which capitalism is restored."

The resolution "viewed with alarm the tendency to build up powerful Eastern and Western blocs," and expressed the belief that the Conservative conception of a Western Union on a capitalist basis and in a military alliance with the United States against Russia could not solve Europe's economic problems and would only lead to a third world war.

A resolution criticising the administration of industrialised industries in Britain—largely the subject of much controversy among party members—and calling for greater participation by the workers in their management, was submitted to the Executive after a long debate today.

The resolution, moved by Mr. R. Openshaw, of the powerful Amalgamated Engineering Union, and a member of the Party Executive, declared that the Conference "is gravely disturbed" at the system of administration which has been adopted in nationalised industry.

Too Many Outsiders

It urged that administrators and technicians be chosen from persons of "sound practical knowledge of their particular industry" and that the "principle of workers' participation through their trade unions in the direction and management of nationalised industry be firmly adopted."

The delegates debated the issue with this background: The National Coal Board which runs the mines has been the target of much recent criticism, and last week Sir Charles Reid, production member of the Board, resigned after differences of policy.

On the eve of the Conference, Mr. Alfred Edwards, Member of Parliament for Middlesbrough—steel centre—constitency, was

expelled from the Party for condemning the proposed nationalisation of the steel industry.

At the same time, the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Chairman of the Party Executive, was vindicated after criticism from a Junior Minister for publicly stating that the Government was unprepared for nationalisation.

Submitting his resolution, Mr. Openshaw contended that too many people who had no connection with the industry concerned were appointed to nationalised boards.

Real Sharing

Mr. J. Higgins, secretary of the National Union of Railwaysmen, said: "There is on the Transport Commission a great over-weight of people who were brought up in an environment and with an ideology which was absolutely opposed to making a real success of nationalisation. 'There must be a real sharing in the administration right from the bottom to the top. We should have an opportunity of seeing who is appointed to managerial and supervisory positions.'"

Mr. Will Lawther, the miners' leader, opposing the resolution, raised protests when he said: "We have a very sincere objection to people who are as far away from the pits as ever possible coming to this rostrum and telling us how they should be run."

Mr. Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport Workers Union, was also repeatedly interrupted when he declared: "What is the country going to think if we say, after 18 months' experience, that we have made a great mistake and that we have appointed people to take charge of socialised industries who have no capacity and understanding?"

Mr. James Griffiths, Minister of National Insurance, urged that the resolution be submitted to the Executive. He said it raised important problems, and although the Executive agreed to some parts it was felt that further consultations with trade unions should be made.

The Conference then agreed to Mr. Griffiths' proposal.—Reuter.

OSWALD OUT

Capetown, May 19.
H. G. Lawrence, Minister of the Interior, said today that it could be accepted that Sir Oswald Mosley will not be permitted to enter the Union of South Africa. Sir Oswald, British Fascist leader, was visited recently by Oswald Pirow, leader of a South African Fascist group. The pair joined in forming a movement known as "The Enemies of the Soviet Union."—Associated Press.

ARMS EMBARGO

Stockholm, May 19.
Sweden has refused to allow Jewish and Arab delegations to buy arms in Sweden. Col. C. Hamnstrom of the Swedish Department of Commerce said today. The newspapers reported, however, that both Arabs and Jews seem to have had better luck in "another European country."—Associated Press.

Soviet Backs Wallace

Moscow, May 19.
Mr. Henry Wallace, author of the "open letter" to Marshal Stalin and third party candidate for the Presidency of the United States, was today called by the Soviet Literary Gazette the true successor to President Roosevelt and "prophet of peaceful co-operation with the Soviet Union."

The Gazette, in a three-column article on the exchange of letters, described Mr. Wallace as "an honest fighter for peace and democracy, who discloses the reactionary policy of the present rulers of the United States."—Reuter.

Australian Aircraft Order

London, May 19.
Australia has placed a £1,500,000 order with Britain for 50 naval aircraft. Destined for the aircraft carrier Sydney at present nearing completion in Devonport dock, the planes will consist of 25 Fairey Fireflies and 25 Hawker Seafires.

When completed, the Sydney, formerly the light fleet carrier Terrible, will have a complement of 24 aircraft—12 of each type. Two will be used for instruction and the remainder as reserves. She is expected to be commissioned next November and to spend six weeks on trials and after a further six weeks of "working up" her air group, the carrier will leave for Australia early in 1949.—Reuter.

Norway And Denmark Ask For Arms

Washington, May 19.

Norway and Denmark have appealed to the United States for arms and ammunition to bolster their defences, United States Government officials said here today.

The officials said the Administration was giving the requests "sympathetic consideration."

Both countries have expressed keen interest in American machine-guns, rifles and anti-aircraft weapons, and ammunition of all kinds.

The officials said that Norway's Under-Secretary of Defence had outlined his country's need to the State and Army Departments at secret meetings in Washington a fortnight ago.

He has since completed his mission and has flown back to Oslo to report to his Government. The Danes made known their requirements at numerous talks with American diplomatic and military authorities. Denmark also expressed a desire to acquire former German torpedo boats from the American Government. This was the first disclosure that any member of the Scandinavian bloc was turning to America for military help in the present tense world situation.

NEW BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL

London, May 19.
R. W. Urquhart has been appointed British Consul-General at Shanghai, the Foreign Office announced. He will travel from Washington, where he is now a Minister in the British Embassy, to take over his new post in the autumn, the announcement said.—Associated Press.

Italian Communists To Fight ERP

Rome, May 19.

The Italian Communist Party today urged its followers to fight against the Marshall Plan, the Right Wing Socialists and the Government.

In a 3,000-word report on the results of the April 18 elections published by the Communist organ, *Unita*, of the Italian Communist Party Central Committee, it said that the Catholic Party victory was brought about by "foreign imperialist intervention, religious terror and Government election frauds."

The report said that the Catholic Party victory is bringing Italy "into foreign slavery, subordinating the economy of the nation to economic, political and military needs of American imperialism, and is making the Italian people into shock troops in a future war of extermination."

Italy's democratic institutions are threatened by a "fascist regime," the report added, at a moment when a conflict between

between "imperialist warmongering groups and peace-loving peoples" is becoming sharper. The Communist review said that the popular front formed before the elections by the Communist and Left Wing Socialist Parties must redouble their efforts in "a broad action for the defence of peace, liberty and welfare of Italians." It called for intensified work by the various Communist front organisations aimed at winning over farmers, farmhands, factory workers and democratic women in the fight against "classical arrogance and capitalist egotism."

"The secessionist activity of the Christian Democracy in the Italian Confederation of Labour," the report said, "must be denounced to the working masses. It must be unmasked and combated as being in the service of the master classes' reaction and imperialism."—United Press.



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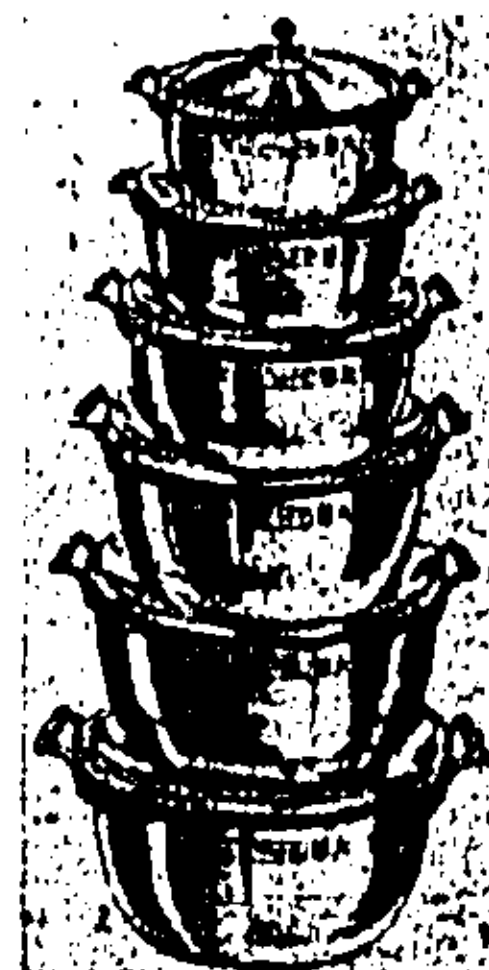
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Marshall's Hint To Russia

Washington, May 19.

Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, today asked the Soviet Union to give Americans the same freedom within Russia that the Russians have in the United States.

This, he said in a formal State Department reply to Marshal Stalin's acceptance of Mr. Henry Wallace's proposed basis for a discussion of difference, was one of the things "constructive and remedial" which the two nations could thrash out.

He said: "What the world needs so urgently is constructive and remedial actions" by the Soviet Government, and that only on the basis of such actions could the sincerity of Marshal Stalin's expressed desire for a settlement of differences between the two countries be assessed.

Mr. Marshall mentioned the present statements in Germany, Austria and Korea as places where such actions were particularly needed.

He said there had been "no indication" of Soviet readiness to take these "constructive and remedial actions" since the original Smith-Molotov exchange, or since Marshal Stalin made his reply to Mr. Wallace's "open letter."

General Relations

He stressed, however, that only a short time had elapsed since those events.

Asked about the kind of problems which the United States would be willing to negotiate bilaterally with the USSR, the Secretary of State stressed the general problem of United States relations with the country—its representation in Russia, its consulates, and the freedom of movement of Americans inside Russia.

Mr. Marshall recalled that Congressmen had frequently

complained that they were refused the same privileges within Russia that Russian representatives received when they came to the United States.—Reuter.

Journalist Ordered Out Of Prague

London, May 19.

The News Chronicle disclosed today that its Prague correspondent, Karl Robson, has been expelled from Czechoslovakia at 72 hours' notice without explanation.

Robson furnished his own explanation in a front page story. "They wished to get rid of me because they wish to be rid of all experienced non-Communist journalists who have been in the country long enough to have other than official connections and know how to use them."

He said the "independent professional foreign correspondents" in Prague "are being picked off one by one."

Robson said that an apparent attempt was made "to plant incriminatory documents on me last month."

The papers he related, were signed "U 235," one of the isotopes of Uranium used in producing the atom bomb, and they requested him to ask a waiter at his hotel, "Have you anything from U 235?"

Instead of complying, Robson said, he destroyed the papers. He added that he received word last Friday that his visa would not be extended.

The newspaper said the Czech Government has given the British Ambassador in Prague no reason for Robson's expulsion. It was the third time in his career as a foreign correspondent that he had been handed his passport. He was expelled from Germany by the Nazis in 1936 and from Spain by Franco in 1938.

Robson said he believed the Czech Government "strongly disliked my reporting of the February coup d'etat" in which the Communists took power.—Associated Press.

Japan Allowed To Vote

Tokyo, May 20.

Arrangements have been made for Japan to have three votes at the annual convention of the World Movement for a World Federal Government at Luxembourg on September 6 to 11, it was revealed here today by Edward T. Clark.

Clark is Treasurer and Vice-President of the World Movement for a World Federal Government. "This will be the first time Japan has participated as a voting power in a worldwide organization since the war."

Clark came to Japan after visiting Greece, Turkey, the Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt, India and China. He is leaving here tonight for Hawaii.

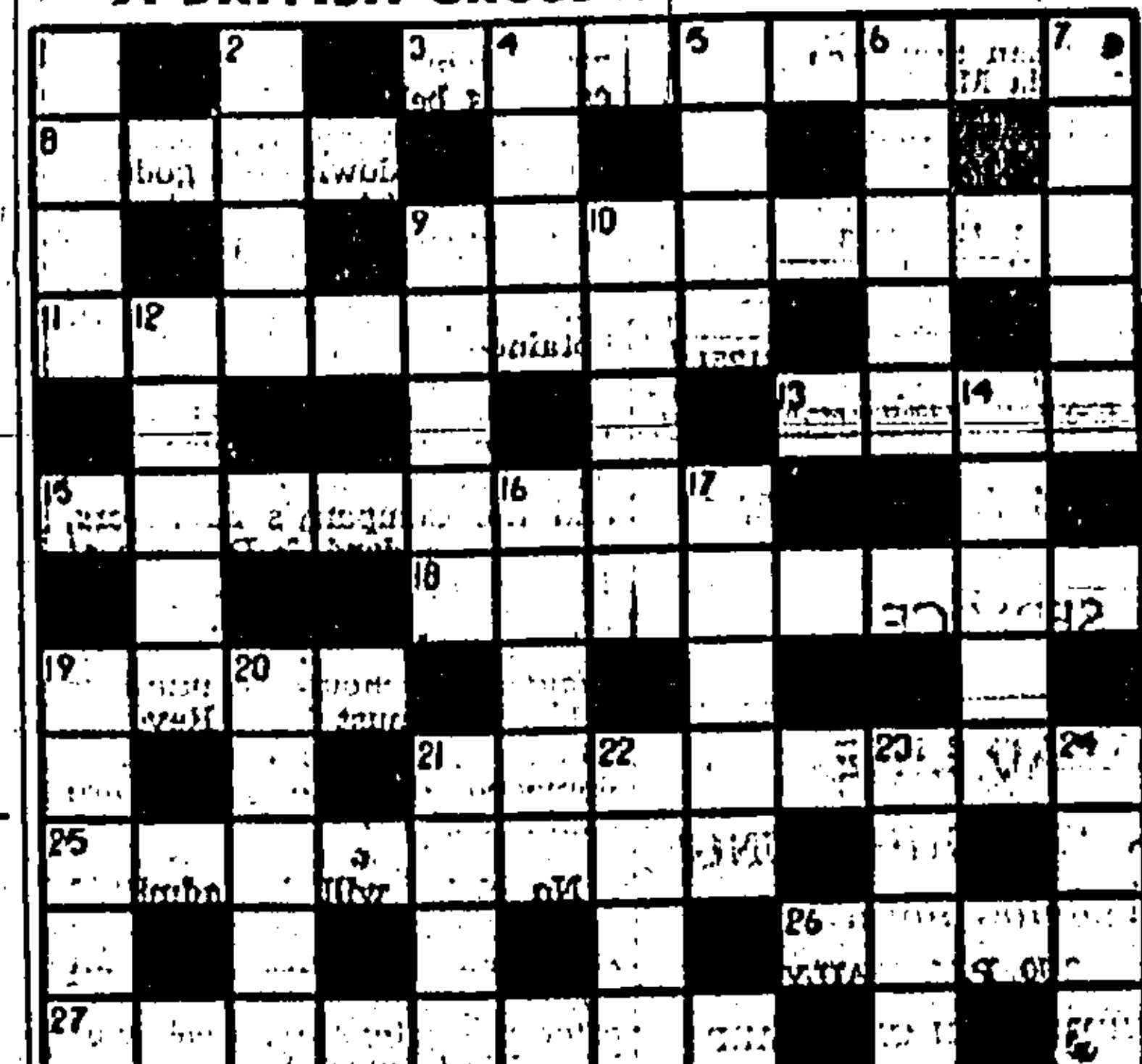
He has been making arrangements here for Japan to have delegates at the Luxembourg convention.

The Japanese delegates will be invited to the convention by Members of Parliaments of the other countries, he said.—United Press.

ANYBODY'S GUESS

Frankfurt, May 19. Officials of the Anglo-American Export-Import Agency today disclosed that American and British taxpayers had given the Germans more than US\$2,000,000,000 worth of food since the end of the war. An official said it was "anybody's guess" when the Germans would consider paying the bill, which is mounting at the rate of US\$7,000,000 a month.—United Press.

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- 27 Vies.
- Expanding.

Clues Down

- Cut.
- Spill.
- Skirting.
- 16 Teacher.
- Rank.
- 17 Goods.
- Frame of.
- 19 Spotted.
- 20 Drive.
- 21 Elevate.
- 22 Outter.
- 23 Revise.
- 24 garment.
- 25 Gulls.
- 26 Curb.
- 27 Cut-in-two.
- 28 Facer.
- 29 Perch.
- 30 Symbol.

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- Across: 1 Repeat, 4 Hate, 7 Debonair, 8 Abuse, 9 Retate, 11 Dastard, 13 Employ, 15 Speedy, 18 Bure, 19 Laughter, 20 Might, 21 Throw.
- Down: 1 Ridge, 2 Aroma, 3 Tragedy, 4 Haydas, 5 Simulate, 6 Extend, 10 Tapering, 12 Assault, 13 Emblem, 14 Outlet, 16 Ether, 17 Yarns.

The Draper Report

Tokyo, May 20. Mr. Patrick Shaw, British Commonwealth member of the Allied Council, referring to the reparations recommendations in the Draper Report, said he believed the report was unofficial and that the level of reparations would be decided by the Far Eastern Commission.

The Kyoto news agency said Japanese financial circles had been "pleasantly surprised at the 'unexpectedly generous' reparations terms."

One report said the terms laid a firm foundation for the Government's five-year plan for the recovery of the Japanese national economy.—Reuter.

CHINA TRADE FIGURES

Nanking, May 20. China's imports during the first three months of the year exceeded exports by an average of US\$4,000,000 monthly, government spokesman Hollington K. Tong disclosed today.

Tong gave the following figures on export-import trade for the last three months (all in billions of Chinese currency):

Exports: January, 1,736; February, 1,724; March, 2,516.
Imports: January, 2,080; February, 1,969; March, 6,558.

The spokesman added, however, that the amount of foreign exchange bought and sold by the appointed bank for exports and imports might present a clearer picture since figures in the Chinese currency reflected "unsatisfactory conversion rates."

He said the foreign exchange bought and sold by the appointed bank for exports and imports was as follows (all in United States currency):

Exports: January, \$14,814,000; February, \$9,282,000; March, \$10,742,000.
Imports: January, \$17,165,000; February, \$14,373,000; March, \$14,130,000.

Tong said the main categories of imports by percentage are as follows: machinery, 10.8; raw cotton, 8.7; fuel oil, 7.5; gasoline, 6.8; iron and steel, 6.3; paper, 5.6. The main categories of exports by percentage: cotton piece-goods, 17.4; wood oil, 12.6; bristles, 8.3; cotton yarn, 6.1; skins and furs, 5.3; vegetable seed oil, 4.5.

The spokesman said 30 per cent of total imports exclusive of military requirements represented government purchases and 20 per cent of total exports was handled by government agencies. Government import items include rice, wheat, flour, fertilizer, communications equipment and some petroleum products. The main government exports were minerals and sugar.

Tong revealed further that barter transactions, principally with Japan, represented 15 per cent of the total export-import trade. He said barter with Japan had been limited owing to (1) non-availability of Chinese products in Japan or Japanese products needed in China; (2) Chinese reticence at making substantial imports from Japan while there was an unfavourable balance for China on the barter account; and (3) difficulty in arranging barter terms of trade.—United Press.

Apartment Explosion

Paris, May 20.

The apartment of the District President on General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People (RPF) was completely destroyed this morning when explosives went off on the street outside.

This is the second such incident within a month. Explosives went off recently outside the apartment of another RPF building here without damage.

Jean Vuilleum, President of the 19th District of Paris, escaped injury in the explosion. The neighbouring apartments were seriously damaged but no one was injured.—United Press.

Prague, May 19.

Czechoslovakia has decided to grant de jure recognition to the Jewish State of Israel, it was officially announced here tonight.—Reuter.

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"ORBITA"	U.K.	9th June
"TREVILIAN"	Shanghai & Japan	21st June
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"TJIBESAR" In port	to Macassar & Javaports 28th May		

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ARRIVALS			
From	Date	Vessel	
Atlantic Coast	22nd May	m.v. "BALI"	
via Los Angeles	17th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"	
	Mid July	m.v. "DONA NATI"	

SAILINGS			
For	Date	Vessel	
Atlantic Coast	23rd June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"	
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H.K. Mines 3 1/2	
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H.K. Lands 8 1/2	
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H.K. Realities 15 1/2	
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Europe Urged To Look To Defences

Washington, May 19.
The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved by 13 votes to zero a resolution suggesting that nations of Western Europe should make regional military alliances to guarantee their security.

The resolution provides that the United States, with Congressional approval, may enter into any such regional agreements. It encourages non-Communist nations in Europe to join in building up a unified defence within the framework of the United Nations. The resolution is in the form of an "advice" to the President.

The Six-Power Conference

London, May 19.
Only two days remain before the date fixed for ending the six-power conference on Germany. The attitude of the Benelux powers is thought to conflict at several points with the United States' ideas on Germany's economic future. It is understood that Benelux is backing the French demand for some effective, rather than merely formal, measures of international control of the Ruhr. Nevertheless, Reuters diplomats correspondents say it is believed the attitude of the Benelux powers concerns also the protection of Allied interests in Western Germany within the framework of West European economic co-operation.—Reuter.

TRANSFER OF DOLLARS

Buenos Aires, May 20.
Bankers reported today that the government-owned Central Bank of Argentina has suspended transfers of dollars and other hard currencies from the country in payment of imports. The order, understood to have been issued late on Friday, will have the effect of stopping or slowing imports from countries dealing in U.S., Portuguese, Swiss and Swedish money. It will affect imports from all the Western Hemisphere, which is in the dollar bloc. Trade with Britain, France, Spain, Belgium, Italy and Czechoslovakia is not affected.—Associated Press.

Washington, May 19.
The Commerce and Agriculture Departments recommended to the Congress yesterday that it continue controls over fats and oils, rice, nitrogenous fertilizers, anti-mony and tin until June 30, 1949.—Associated Press.

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Devaluation Rebuttal

Washington, May 19.
There is no immediate prospect of the United States requiring Marshall Plan countries to devalue their currencies, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, said today. A press conference would develop as the programme of world currency stabilization proceeded.—Reuter.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot, fine ounce, 45d; Forward, fine ounce, 45d; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce, 172 1/2.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price), 74 1/2 cts.; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official), \$35. Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas, 171 Rupees, 09 Annas; Forward, per 100 tolas, 171, 08; Marwar (unofficial), 171, 08; Gold: Delivered, per tola 116, 02; Forward (unofficial), 116, 00; Sovereign, 74, 08. One Tola is equal to 3 1/4 of an ounce.

Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buyers 88.00, sellers 92.00; U.S. Eagles, 150.00b, 103.00s; Gold, Bar, Per Gramme, 8.40b.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, per baht weight of 15.244 Grammes, 621 bahts; Exchange Rate (Selling), Bangkok on New York T.T. 20.25; London 60.50, Hong Kong 3.73.

Paris: Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 3,900 Frs.; French 10 franc coins 1,760; Swiss franc 3,750; Union Latine 3,650; Sovereign 5,050; Half Sovereigns 2,400; U.S. Dollar coin, (\$20) 19,000; U.S. Dollar coin (\$10) 9,000.

Sovereigns (in free dollars per ounce) \$70.0; Napoleons (in free dollars per ounce) \$67.5; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 337.

Parla: Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold Ingots, with delivery of Counterpart, per gramme, 254/248; Without Counterpart 405/530; Silver Ingots, per Kilo 5,700b, 6,500b; Platinum Ingots, per Kilo 800,000b, 855,000b.—Reuter.

RUBBER PRICES

New York, May 20.
Rubber closed five lower to 10 higher. Sales were 54 contracts.

May 24.10 bid
June 24.10 bid
July 22.75 bid
September 21.50
December 21.50
No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 23 1/2.—Associated Press.

AS AND WHEN

Paris, May 19.
The Cabinet today authorised M. Georges Bidault, the Foreign Minister, to recognise the Jewish State of Israel, "as and when the situation seemed to call for it."—Reuter.

MONEY MARKET

The money market was closed yesterday for the celebration of Chinese Presidential inauguration.

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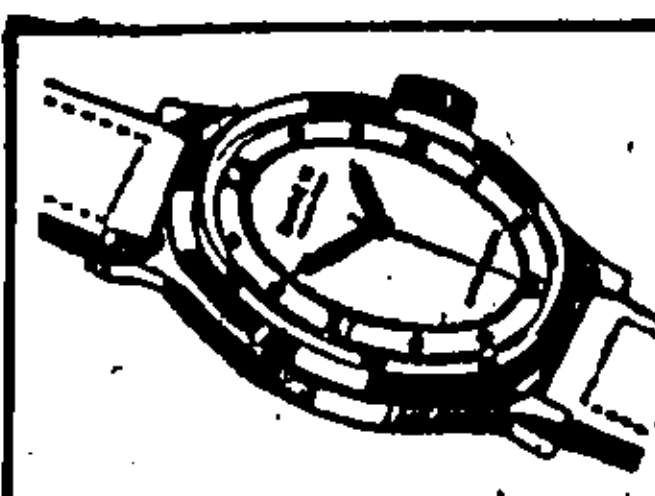
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NEW CRICKET RECORD Middlesex "Twins" Huge Stand

London, May 19.
Denis Compton, scoring 252 not out for Middlesex against Somerset at Lords today, made the highest score of his career and helped Bill Edrich, 168 not out, in an English third wicket record of 424 unfinished.

Compton's previous best was 246, for the champion county against The Rest, at the Oval last season. The previous third wicket record in English cricket was 375, by J.W. Hearne (232) and E. Hendren (175 not out), for Middlesex against Hampshire at Southampton in 1932, but Stan McCabe and William Ponsford added 389 for the Australians against the M.C.C., at Lords in 1934.

Compton and Edrich themselves figured in a third wicket partnership of 370 for England against South Africa in the second Test at Lords last year.

Fight On Against Plague

Washington, May 20.
The fourth International Congress on tropical medicine yesterday called on the United Nations World Health Organization to rid the world of one of its deadliest diseases—bubonic plague.

Experts said that the job could be carried out with newly-developed weapons of medicine like the sulfa drugs, streptomycin, and vaccines. Insecticides like DDT could also be used to destroy the fleas which transmit plague from rats and other rodents to human beings.

The Congress, attended by more than 1,000 delegates from 41 nations, ended yesterday. General Valéry, of France, was elected Chairman of the Interim Committee, Lieutenant-Colonel M. P. F. of Brazil, was elected Vice-Chairman and Dr. L. Van Hoof, of Belgium, Secretary-Treasurer.—Reuter.

The Jewish Cabinet

New York, May 20.
Here is the official list of Cabinet Ministers in the new State of Israel: (place of birth as given by Jewish sources is in brackets):

Premier, David Ben Gurion (Poland).
Foreign Secretary, Moshe Shertok (Russia).
Finance, Eliezer Kaplan (Minsk).
Posts, Telegraphs and Communications, David Renee (Russia).
Interior, Isaac Gruenbaum (Poland).
Trade and Industry, Dr. Fritz Erenstein (Holland).
Without Portfolio, Rabbi J. L. Fishman (Bessarabia).
Immigration, Moshe Shapira (Rumania).
Social Welfare, A. Elsalno (Barranovic).
Agriculture, M. Benetov (Poland).
Justice, Dr. Felix Rosenbluth (Berlin).
Police, Judge Shitreet (not available).
Without Portfolio, Rabbi I. M. Levin (not available).—Associated Press.

Haven In Britain

Manston, May 20.
Eight fugitive Czechs, whom they arrived here from their homeland last night in a "bordered" plane were granted Home Office permits today to stay in Britain for six months.

A spokesman for the eight, who made up the fifth such plane flight of persons fleeing Czechoslovakia since the Communist coup in February, said: "We decided to leave Czechoslovakia because the principle of free living had been taken from us. All of them refused to give their names for publication."

"We still have parents living in Czechoslovakia," the spokesman said.—Associated Press.

HO TO BE CHINA'S PREMIER?

Nanking, May 20.
Informed sources said today that President Chiang Kai-shek tomorrow will nominate General Ho Ying-chin as China's new Premier.

General Ho was war-time Chief of Staff of the Chinese Army. For the past two years he has headed China's military delegation to the United Nations.

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General Ho was war-time Chief of Staff of the Chinese Army. For the past two years he has headed China's military delegation to the United Nations.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE NEAR SHEKKI

Canton, May 20.
Chinese press reports said today that 10 dismissed employees of the Macao-Shekki Bus Company destroyed eleven of its buses and dynamited a concrete bridge at Ta Ao Chi, not far from Shekki, on the night of May 14.

The explosion was heard in Shekki, the seat of Chuangshan county, 45 miles north of Macao.

An employees' dormitory at Halaohia Village also was burned in a fire lasting four hours. There were no casualties.

Bus traffic between Shekki and Macao was resumed the next morning. County guards are now hunting the saboteurs.—Associated Press.

TIGERS' PITCHER EQUALS RECORD

New York, May 19.
In the American League, Hal Newhouse snapped out of his spring slump to pitch Detroit to a 4-1 victory over Boston.

The prize southpaw tied a major league record for a pitcher by starting four double plays. The Tigers made six double plays. Left fielder Vic Wertz' ninth homer with two out produced three runs to give the Tigers the victory.

Catcher Larry Berra's three-run double in the seventh innings snapped a 4-4 tie and enabled the New York Yankees to overcome Saint Louis 8-4.

Pinch-batter Early Wynn's single scored two of Washington's three seventh inning runs to beat Chicago 4-1. During the spur, the Senators pulled two double base steals.

The Philadelphia at Cleveland game is tonight.

In the National League, Larry Jansen, with his overhand curve breaking to perfection, shut out Cincinnati 9-0 for his fourth New York win this season for two losses. Left fielder Whitey Lockman and second baseman Bill Rigney homered for the Giants.

The Saint Louis at Brooklyn, Pittsburgh at Boston and Chicago at Philadelphia games are tonight.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 4 0
Detroit 4 5 0
(Winning pitcher Hal Newhouse.)

New York 8 13 0
Saint Louis 4 12 0
(Winning pitcher Ed Lopat.)

Washington 4 10 1
Chicago 1 7 0
(Winning pitcher Walt Masterson.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 0 7 0
New York 5 8 1
(Winning pitcher Larry Jansen.)—Associated Press.

Reds Warn Shanghai

Shanghai, May 20.
There are a few Shanghai foreign and Chinese houses which have been informed through circulars that the Communists would permit them to continue their business should the Reds capture the city.

The circulars came through the Chinese mail from the "Eastern China Liberated Army Field Headquarters," but did not disclose the location.

The circulars warn that businesses and industries owned by China's "favoured families" will be nationalized, but promise protection for other private enterprises providing they obey orders of the "Democratic Government and do not interfere with the liberation armies."

Such overtures to Chinese and foreign business have been common for at least a year by the Reds, some of whom even advocate a "period of Capitalism for China" as a prelude to Communism.—Associated Press.

Dog-Owners Summoned

F. Alraakenko appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday to answer a charge of failing to keep his dog muzzled. He was fined \$5.

Also fined \$5 was S. de Champeux, of Barker Road, who appeared on a similar summons.

Nancy Yip, of Mount Davis Rd., appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Thomas Tam to answer four summonses for failing to have her two dogs muzzled, and having a dangerous dog loose. She was fined \$20.

Inspector J.A. Stephens said he went to Miss Yip's house to make inquiries as a result of a complaint by Mrs. A. Potts. When near the house, defendant's Alsatian bitch jumped at him and bit him on the right arm.

Accused was ordered to pay \$25 compensation to Insp. Stephens.

INSURANCE TO PONY
"Happy Boy" was the pony which was injured on Wednesday at the junction of Shan Kwong Road and Village Road.

The injury, a flesh wound on the left hind leg, is not considered serious.

Chan Ming was remanded for 24 hours when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday to answer a charge of larceny of 250 feet of barbed wire, the property of the Military authorities.

Insp. H. Brownridge will prosecute.

AUSTRALIANS ON TOP Brown Gets Three Hundreds Running

Oxford, May 19.
The Australian cricket tourists scored 424 for eight when stumps were drawn on the first day of their match against Oxford University.

The strength of Australia's batting was again shown by a sixth wicket stand of 91 between Loxton and McCool, and an eighth wicket partnership of 87 by Loxton and Ring.

McCool, dropped when 25, hit stumps for an hour and Loxton, though not so aggressive, missed few opportunities. He made one huge straight drive for six.

Despite a luring day during which 188 runs were scored in the last two hours, the Oxford bowlers remained of good length and the fielding was good. The McCool miss was the only lapse all day.

Bradman stood down for the tourists.

Mallett, full of energy, mixed his in-swingers with an occasional going away ball and made batsmen fight for their runs. He bowled unchanged while 50 runs were scored in 45 minutes, in which spell he sent down nine overs for only 14 runs and three maidens.

Brilliant Catch
The Indian bowler, Kardar, then went on for a long spell. However, although the University attack contained more quality than it has done for some seasons, everything was in the batsmen's favour and runs came steadily though without any big hitting.

The hundred went up in 80 minutes and almost immediately both the opening batsmen reached 50. Brown and Morris used their feet freely in advancing to slow men. Then, when 64, Morris was run out and lunch was taken with Brown 62 not out.

After lunch Oxford claimed two wickets at 171. Harvey being caught at mid-off and Hassett falling to a wonderful one-handed catch at backward point. Kardar kept the batsmen quiet with his good length and Whitcombe bowled well with the new ball.

Hammence did not stay long, but Brown continued his polished innings and completed his 100 minutes for his 108 and hit 11 fours.

Loxton and McCool were together at tea, when the Australians were 231 for five.

YESTERDAYS' PLAY
Oxford, May 20.
The Oxford University at lunch time today had scored 95 runs

for three wickets after dismissing the Australian tourists for 431.

Scores:
AUSTRALIA—181 INNINGS
Brown, lbw, b Kardar 108
Morris, run out 64
Harvey, c Paves, b Kardar 23
Hassett, c Robinson, b Whitcombe 6
Bradman, c Davidson, b Mallett 3
Loxton, not out 79
McCool, b Whitcombe 50
Saggers, b Travers 6
Ring, b Travers 53
B. Johnston, b Mallett 13
Toshack, c & b Mallett 2
Extras 30
Total 431

OXFORD—181 INNINGS
Helghely, run out 25
Buoy, c Harvey, b Loxton 6
H.E. West, c Saggers, b Johnston 1
K. Paveson, b Johnston 0
Kardar, not out 28
Extras 9
Total (for 3) 68
—Reuter.

C.C.C. Bowls Teams

Cricket Club will be engaged in two League lawn bowls matches tomorrow. At home they will play Hong Kong Electric Club in a second division match. Away they will play Indian Recreation Club in a first division match. The matches will start at 4 p.m.

In the first-division encounter, C.C.C. will be represented by:—M.A. Baptista, A.A. Razack, K.M. Omar, U.M. Omar (skip), J.W. Leonard, L.C.H. Souza, A.E. Coates, B.W. Bradbury (skip).

I.M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, A.M. Omar, E.S. Lam (skip), will play the second division game. C.C.C. will be represented by:—Francis Lee, C.W. Lam, J.N. Wong, A.J. Coelho (skip), C.E. Coelho, H.W. Randall, E. Franks, S.H. Marvin (skip), J.H. Xavier, C. Souza, A.H. Medina (skip).

Reserves: Li Siu Wing, A.F. Ferreira and B.S. Chowla.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday:

At Home against Club de Recreio at 4 p.m.—E. F. Pope, J. Gelluly, J. Fraser, J. McKelvie, E. Greenwood, E. A. Atkins, L. G. Eastman, W. C. Simpson, M. L. Hardie, L. G. Coombes, R. Morrison, L. Sykes.

Prison Officers Club at 3.30 p.m.—R. P. Phillips, C. J. Hemsley, J. S. Dinan, L. Guy, R. J. Wigginton, H. A. Lammert, L. R. Whant, G. E. F. Thompson, W. H. Bailey, J. Hemsley, V. C. Dixon, S. H. Strange.

Reserves: K.C. Hamilton, H. W. Close.

The following links will play against the H.K.V.D.C. on Sunday at 4 p.m.—M. L. Hardie, H. W. Close, E. F. Pope, J. Fraser, J. McKelvie, W. Frost, V. C. Dixon, S. H. Strange, C. J. Hemsley, W. F. Simpson, L. G. Coombes, G. E. F. Thompson, R. P. Phillips, F. C. Clemo, L. R. Whant, E. A. Atkins, W. H. Bailey, H. A. Lammert, J. S. Dinan, E. Greenwood.

Reserves: J. Hemsley, H. O. Maerhofer.

RECORD AT SUNNINGDALE
Sunningdale, May 19.
Dick Chapman, American Walker Cup golfer and an entrant for the British Amateur Championship next week, scored 65 on the 9,177 yards Sunningdale course to win the "Golf Illustrated" golf vase today.

Chapman, who had a poor first round of 78, won by three shots with an aggregate 143.

Bracketed in second place at 147 were Charlie Stowe, British Walker Cup player, Bob Sweney of America and Harry Bentley.

Associated Press.

ENGLAND BEAT SWISS
Bellinzona, May 19.
An England soccer eleven beat a Swiss "B" team by five goals to one here today, after leading by three goals to zero at half-time.